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## A place to call their own



Elena Wexler and Chrissy McManus (right) work with playdough, while parents look on.

Laura Stein

## New Solano Avenue cafe caters to kids

By Laura Stein

Break out the Cigars! A young cafe has been born to former mayor Ed McManus and his wife, Shannon, which mixes trendy cafe shmoozing with child's play.

Located on Solano between Pomona Street and Key Route Boulevard, the cafe's colorful sign leads you into a narrow space of normal cafe quiescence; small round tables with scattered hand-me-down newspapers and magazines.

Playschool motif seat covers and hanging bright colored nylon flags give only a hint to the unusual transposed playground in the rear.

Not only are children present, they're welcome here. In fact, they're catered to with a special kid's menu and simple baubles for amusement's sake.

At Cafe Crayon, parents can feel

comfortable doing the cafe thing with their children. All childish play from giggles to the nap time blues are "p.p.c" (publicly and parentally condoned).

The back of Cafe Crayon feels close to a casual Thanksgiving get-together: Parents sit at the big tables, eating and talking

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## Motel crack-down being considered

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Frustrated for years by failed attempts to force management of the crime-riddled Villa Motel at 1155 San Pablo Avenue to clean up its act, the Planning Commission last week got serious about again revoking the 32-unit hostelry's business license and use permit.

At the request of motel owner Charles Patel's newly-hired attorney, Richard J. Stratton, the commission approved postponement of the public hearing and final decision on the possible revocation until their Feb. 28 meeting.

In support of the postponement, City Attorney Robert Zweben told the commission that

the city may not have given the motel owner sufficient official notice of violations which might "murk up" the record in case of subsequent court action.

"There have been numerous problems over the years," Stratton said. The Patels are considering redoing the property into low-cost housing or otherwise converting the use completely, he said.

"We want to change the eyesore in a long-term transition to a better use," he said. "We want to make the neighbors happier than they've been."

"These are serious allegations," said Planning Commission chair Bill Cain of mounting drug and prostitution arrests, physical health and safety problems and lack of proper financial record keeping at the motel since it was built in 1950.

"I'm concerned by the owner's lack of action," Cain said.

Patel was a no-show at commission reviews held monthly since October.

In response to Commissioner Bill Dann's suggestion that the motel suspend operations as "an act of good faith to people who have come out so many times," Stratton said they had considered boarding the inn up.

"But the vacant building would lead to vandalism," Stratton said. "It would be safest to have responsible management people there."

**'We want to change the eyesore to a better use.'**

—RICHARD STRATTON,  
MOTEL OWNER'S ATTORNEY

In early 1991, following a rising volume of neighborhood complaints and numerous arrests at the site by the Albany police,

the commission denied the motel owner permission to continue operation. The decision was overturned by the City Council based on the promises of then-new owner Patel to shape the place up.

In 1992 the commission amended the use permit, adding more stringent conditions for public safety and security.

Kain Street neighbors continued to complain of middle-of-the-night screaming, obscene language, death threats, thefts from back yards and garbage strewn by motel tenants.

In the late '80s Albany police, who have called the motel the single largest source of crime in Albany, uncovered a potentially explosive drug lab on the premises and carried out a prostitution sting operation which, they said, overwhelmed

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## Budget-saving measures discussed

ALBANY — Only a handful of parents turned out last Wednesday for the Albany School District's community budget workshop.

The workshop was led by Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Stanley Maleski and focused on how the district might save a \$200,000 cost overrun.

This year's \$220,767 overrun occurred largely due to fewer students attending classes than originally projected.

The loss of revenue was made up using district reserve funds normally held for emergencies.

Now, that fund, required by the state to be maintained at 3 percent of the district's overall budget, is now recording a \$316,825 shortage that Maleski says should be replaced in the next year.

"In our district we were off by 27 students and it had a fairly serious impact," Maleski said.

While Maleski projected that enrollment should increase next year, he also suggested that the district might consider hiring teachers after the start of the school year to avoid a repeat of this year's dilemma.

"We may to leave some posi-

tions open until the first day of classes, when we know the number of students for sure," he said, noting that substitute teachers would cover classes which have no permanent teacher yet assigned.

"I don't want to do it, but I don't want to be left holding the bag," he said.

Budget discussions will continue at the Board of Education regular meetings scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Cornell School in the Multi-Use Room beginning at 7:30 p.m.

—Shannon Morgan

## El Cerrito city employees first in state for new training

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — By an accident of timing, El Cerrito is one of the first cities to be trained in a new standardized Emergency Management System recently adopted by the state of California. The training was given to staff members received at a seminar in Concord two weeks ago which will help them develop a plan for emergencies in the city of El Cerrito that will coordinate with regional preparations.

The seminar was sponsored by the California Specialized Training Institute based in San Luis Obispo and was the first S.E.M.S. training given in the state.

We were very fortunate in the timing when we participated in that course," said city manager Gary Wexler. "After the Oakland hills fire, Sen. Nick Petris, who lost his home, sponsored some legis-

lation requiring all state agencies and local governments to bring their disaster and emergency planning into a standard nomenclature and method of operation.

"It's so everyone can move resources into an area and respond to situations more effectively," said Pokorney. "One of the things we learned out of the Oakland hills fire is that different state agencies had different ways of enacting (response); they used different terms, which meant they couldn't always understand what each other meant and what each other wanted."

The result, said Pokorney, was delays and a less than effective response.

For about 2-1/2 years now, a task force has been working on the problem. Representatives of local governments, the California Department of Forestry, law enforcement agencies and various state agencies have been working to develop a

new model or matrix for organizing the most effective response.

The goal, said Pokorney, was not to tell local jurisdictions what to do but to suggest common formats and nomenclature.

"They just finished that work," he said. "Those of us at the Concord seminar were the first to be trained in the Standardized Emergency Management System; we were exposed to a whole new nomenclature, jargon and process."

"That was very helpful; until then we'd seen only early drafts. The whole training was designed around the new approach."

In addition, said Pokorney, the training was useful in "providing an early glimpse and understanding of how disaster escalates."

Several days were also spent learning specific preparation techniques and training for the technical aspects of preparedness. Much

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## Recycling manager on the job

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Becky Dowdakin is new to her job as the city's recycling division manager, but she's not at all new to the recycling operation. Over the last seven years, she's worked her way up from crew member to head of the division, and is now facing some different kinds of challenges.

Dowdakin "stumbled across" recycling work in college when she became involved with the recycling work of the Associated Students of UC-Berkeley.

"Then I decided I really liked it," she said. "I guess it appealed to my sensibilities, and I decided to stay with it."

She started working for El Cerrito seven years ago as part of the recycling crew. It was about 4-1/2 years ago that she became the operations manager, taking major responsibility for running the recycling center and its attendant services, including the majority of the personnel work, ordering supplies, marketing the materials and dealing with trucking services.

"I definitely have fewer responsibilities outside; I'm 100 percent white collar now," she said. That's taking some adjustment.

"I miss being outside," she said. "I'm a hands-on kind of person, but I do enjoy having more control over my work."



Becky Dowdakin, the new recycling division manager.

At the same time, Dowdakin's having to figure out exactly what her new job entails; it's changed since Susan Kattchee left the position last fall.

As operations supervisor, Becky managed the recycling yard and pickup crews," said administrative services manager Jim Randall, overall supervisor for the recycling division. "As the division manager, Susan was involved with planning, writing reports and serving as regional liaison."

"Some of the planning stuff went with her."

El Cerrito's Source Reduction

and Recycling Element (part of the city's General Plan) is now being prepared on a regional basis by a regional Joint Powers Authority. That task is in fact a major portion of Kattchee's new regional recycling position.

"Some tasks that Susan used to do, we don't need to do as a city now," Randall said.

Dowdakin's position will include some of the operations management she used to do but under a new, creative scenario.

According to Randall, staff decided to promote one of the

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■ Remembering When By William Paul

A musician travels down a bumpy trail

Call it from the ridiculous to the sublime, but instead of giving the Model T Ford all the credit, let's put in a plug for the Pierce Arrow. That was an automobile, too. Back in the 1920s. They were great big cars and cost a heap of money, both to buy and to operate — up in the class of the Rolls Royce. They were recognizable from some distance away by their headlights being placed in their fenders — that's far apart — and the standing story about them was of the motorcyclist who saw one approaching at night, thought it was two motorcycles, and tried to drive between them. End of story.

The YTS (Yosemite Transport Service), which hauled people and merchandise from the San Joaquin Valley into the park, used nothing but Pierce Arrows, primarily because they were the only things on four wheels that could take the pounding that miserable road gave to automobiles in a very short interval of time.

I can say this from first-hand knowledge. The summer of 1926 our five-piece band got the job playing at Wawona Hotel — a sort of halfway, stopping-over

place between Fresno or Merced and Yosemite Valley.

Three of us got in there in two Fords; the piano player, myself, and our luggage in a regular Ford roadster; the tenor sax player and my drums in his cut-down (stripped) Ford that he had rebuilt into a sort of racing car model. Wow. Was that ever a rough ride. It took a lot out of the Fords for just that one trip, but the Pierce Arrows took it every day.

I didn't drive it because the piano player owned the car, but I got a taste of the road one night when the hotel's "hostess" dreamed up a party for three college-age girls who had arrived at the hotel so the hostess-turned-chaperone arranged for four of us to accompany the girls over to a nearby resort for dancing.

Since I had been a chauffeur, one of the girls' father said I could drive the party over to dance, and lent us his big Buick for the trip. And even in that beautiful Buick it was a real experience navigating that road.

I might explain — we couldn't provide the music to dance to and dance with the girls at the same time. There —

I knew you'd understand.

But, to get back to those Pierce Arrows. At the end of the summer I elected to go home by the YTS bus to Merced and train the rest of the way, and I got to sit next to the driver of the bus, who explained how they operated.

Some of the buses drove through to Yosemite in one day but stopped at Wawona for food and comfort; some customers stayed the night at Wawona and went in the rest of the way the next day. But the buses turned around at the Valley and drove back, taking people out. They drove them about 100,000 on those roads, then took them into the shop and tore the engines out and completely rebuilt them, put them back in, and drove another 100,000 miles. Almost unbelievable.

Thought you might enjoy seeing what a dance band of 1926 looked like having their pictures taken early on Sunday morning, wearing their tuxedos and feeling sheepish about it.

In the summer of 1976 four of us got together for lunch. The banjo player was missing. Today I could hold the celebration in a phone booth.



■ Letters to the Editor

Geniune commitment

Editor:

As a longtime Albany resident I support Robert Cheasty for state Assembly. His volunteer work in Albany has been a real asset to our community. He has shown a great deal of leadership as a council member and mayor. Robert has a genuine commitment to public service.

Diane Gross  
Albany

Dedicated efforts

Editor:

I want to express my pleasure at the cooperative work that Albany citizens have put into protecting our city and fighting against the efforts of our governor that hurt our city and our schools. Despite the governor's preference for prisons, we in Albany still put our money into our schools and our magnificent new library.

We have also been faced with the possibility of losing the great potential of our waterfront. I was greatly relieved when I received the proposals from the Waterfront Committee that preserved important parts of the waterfront.

This letter is inspired by reading that Robert Cheasty is going to run for the Assembly. I believe that the folks who have worked so long to protect our city and schools should be encouraged to run for public office. There are still problems to be solved, but I know with Robert's help they'll be done with mutual cooperation and hard work.

I have developed an idea for a program that would help provide ways to finance extras we need for our library, schools and senior center. Call me up and I will explore my proposals with you. 525-2115.

Catherine J. Webb  
Albany

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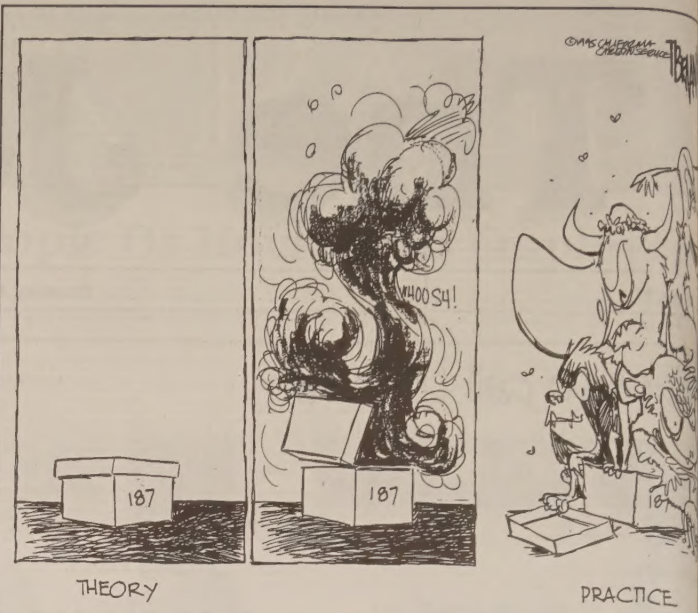
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■ Police Reports

Thieves steal three guns from resident

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — Between 7:50 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 thieves broke out a window pane on the back door of a residence on the 800 block of Pierce Street and entered the house. They prowled the master bedroom area and an office area, then pried open a safe and stole three semi-automatic guns and their clips. There were no witnesses.

• On the morning of Feb. 13 a white and beige 1986 Isuzu Trooper, reported stolen from Albany on Jan. 1, was found in Oakland. The thieves had performed a major strip but the plates were intact. Police did not have anyone in custody.

• Vandals punched the left door lock of a gray 1991 Nissan Sentra during the early morning hours of Feb. 13 while the car was parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street. They stole the in-dash stereo and departed unseen.

• Between 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 14 thieves smashed the rear window of a 1995 Toyota 4-runner parked in an underground parking garage on the 500 block of Pierce Street and stole various items of value. There were no witnesses.

• Just after midnight on Feb. 15 a Berkeley man was stopped near the intersection of Mann and San Pablo avenues and was found to have an outstanding warrant from Berkeley in the amount of \$2,500. He was unable to post bail and was held for Berkeley police.

• Between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 14 thieves broke the right wing window of a car belonging to a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street, stole property from inside the car and departed unseen.

• A man from Pittsburg, Ca. was arrested when he attempted to write a check on a closed account to a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Feb. 15. Employees recognized the man because he had allegedly done this several times previously.

• A Richmond man was arrested when he was observed urinating on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue and then taking a newspaper from a residence on the afternoon of Feb. 16.

• Officers observed an Oakland man sitting in his car at Golden Gate Fields on the night of Feb. 16. He was arrested and held for Oakland police when officers found that he had outstanding warrants from Oakland and three Failures To Appear.

• On the afternoon of Feb. 17 two Albany boys, ages 10 and 11, and an 11-year-old Berkeley boy were playing with a lighter and paper towels in the men's room at the Albany Bowl when the towel dispenser caught fire. They fled the building but were apprehended by employees who held the boys for the Albany Police.

• On the night of Feb. 17 an Oakland man was stopped near Mann and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation and was

found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland in the amount of \$706. He was arrested and released to appear.

• At about 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 a San Francisco man stopped for a vehicle code violation and was found to have several outstanding warrants from San Francisco in the amount of \$50 and a Failure To Appear. He was arrested and held for the Berkeley jail.

• On the afternoon of Feb. 18 two Albany men, both age 21, attended a party at a friend's house and consumed alcoholic beverages. One of the men was transported to the hospital by friends and was treated for alcohol poisoning. The police notified and responded to the party and the charges against the man who hosted the party and the drinking by minors.

• A Pinole man was arrested on the morning of Feb. 18 by officers who observed him in a business on Cleveland Avenue. He was found to be in possession of a large military knife. His truck was impounded for registration.

• During the week of Feb. 18 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, impounded cars, responded to 15 false alarms, attended to one injured person, assisted seven people who locked out of their cars, responded to seven reports of missing dogs.

Portola student reports attack by juveniles

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An 11-year-old Portola student said he was attacked in the 6300 block of Moers Lane at 3:05 p.m. Feb. 9 by a group of six male juveniles.

• A male resident of Paradise, CA, said he was kidnapped in Sacramento and forced to drive to the Del Norte BART station at gunpoint at 6 a.m. Feb. 10.

• Kit & Caboodle was burglarized at about 11:20 p.m. Feb. 5. Both the large outside window and an interior glass case were broken with rocks. A number of miscellaneous items were taken.

• Avco Finance was burglarized during the night of Feb. 9. The thief entered through the rear door and took cash and electronic items.

• Would-be burglars attempted entry into EPC Consultants and West County Optometry during the night of Feb. 8. (The latter attempt took place between 4 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. the morning of Feb. 9.) In both cases, the burglar(s)

caused damage to the doors but did not gain entry.

• A residence was burglarized in the 500 block of Seaview Drive during the daytime Feb. 1. The thief broke the living room window for entry, then took jewelry from the bedroom.

• The burglar who entered a home in the 1300 block of Navellier Street Feb. 9 between 10 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. had forced the rear door. After an extensive ransack, the thief took cash, jewelry, electronic and miscellaneous items.

• A television and a VCR were taken by the person who forced open the front door knob of a home in the 1500 block of Lexington Avenue between Feb. 6 and 10.

• A 1985 Nissan 200SX was reported stolen from a driveway in the 7300 block of Stockton between 1 p.m. Feb. 11 and 8:20 a.m. Feb. 12.

• A 1986 Chevy van was burglarized between Feb. 4 and 6 in the 3500 block of Carlson Boulevard.

ward. A vacuum and battery were taken.

• A residential window in the 2300 block of Edna was broken during the daytime Feb. 1. The thief broke the window and took unknown means.

• A Richmond woman was arrested for possession of phetamines at San Pablo and Stockton at 2:50 a.m. Feb. 10.

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• Ten other arrests were made for shoplifting at Target, except for two San Pablo men: two San Pablo girls, two Richmond girls, two boys and an Oakland girl.

An El Cerrito male juvenile was arrested at FoodsCo, a male juvenile at Lucky, El Plaza, and a Richmond male juvenile at Payless.

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# El Cerrito High School students sweep science fair

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—Eleventh-grade students from El Cerrito High School walked away with awards in the Physical Science category at last week's West Contra Costa Science Fair. They took eight out of nine awards given in that age group, for projects devoted to everything from guillotine blades to fly fishing.

The projects started out as assignments for teacher Bob Fabini's physics class.

"In my classroom, everyone has to turn in a project," said Fabini. "They design their own experiments and pull together their own (materials)."

"There aren't a lot of people who ask the students to do that on a regular basis, but kids come into my class knowing they'll have to do 'The Physics Project.'"

While he does not expect cutting-edge physics research — "It's difficult to do that in a garage these days," he says — Fabini said he was proud of all the work the students did as they developed their classroom assignments into science fair entries. Most, he said, were exploring topics of personal interest to them; some surprised themselves with their own competence and grew in self-confidence.

Jonathan Sessler chose to do an empirical study on a topic for which there is already a well-established theory. Rather than testing out the theory through experiments, he worked to discover the answers first on his own.

His work with a laser, "In a Different Light," examined how light is refracted.

"I wanted to see for myself," he said.

Sessler shot a laser through one slit, then through two slits he had set at five different spacings. He observed the patterns of light cast, measured how they changed, and found that the patterns remained the same whether refracted through "a really wide slit or a bunch of small ones."

The attendant theory may not have much practical implication, he said, but is of great significance in understanding how light works.

Sessler is heading toward a very different career field; he's most interested in journalism and political science. He's fascinated by science, though, and reads about it for pleasure. His work earned him a second place award in the 11th grade Physical Science category.

Sarah Richardson won a third place award for her work on solenoids.

"I first learned about solenoids driving my dad's old Porsche," said Richardson. "The solenoid died on

me; when they said it needed replacing, I didn't even know what it was. Then when I had to do a science project, I wanted to do something with cars, and that experience with the solenoid came back to me."

A solenoid, she said, is basically a wire coil with a magnetic field; when charged, a force results. Richardson shot a solenoid she'd taken from a doorbell with different volts of electricity and measured the force that resulted.

She admits she did the work mostly because she had to for school. At the same time, said Richardson, she's learned a lot, including the fact that "solenoids are everywhere, in juke boxes, cars and doorbells."

More than that, she said, "I'm interested in science and wanted to see how well I could do on these kinds of projects."

That's just fine with Fabini. "Most of these kids aren't going to go on in science. There will be a few, more likely in the engineering field," he said. "But I believe science in high school should not be oriented toward future science careers."

"Anyone who wants to consider themselves well-educated should experience the full spectrum of the different sciences, just as they should experience poetry, history, and other areas."

In addition, he said, all students should be learning how to "think independently on their own without having someone tell them what to do."

That's one of the major reasons Fabini is such an enthusiastic supporter of the science fair. (He's in the #2 position in coordinating the Bay Area Science Fair.) The projects developed by the students represent active learning as opposed to passive learning, he said.

"They're finding out what really

is true based on their own observations....It helps them discover that they can understand the world in their own terms rather than depending on an expert to tell them what's true and not true."

That discovery, Fabini said, has implications across the social spectrum.

In the short run, eight El Cerrito High School juniors know quite a bit more about some very specific subjects.

Rebecca White took first place with "Physics in Flyfishing." She was also awarded the Bill Tobin Award (a plaque) and a \$50 American Society for Quality Control Physical Science Award. White studied the mechanics of fly casting, comparing lines and speeds.

Sessler tied with three other students for second place positions. Second place is normally limited to two winners; the fact that four awards were given reflects the quality of the students' work.

Pete Peters measured a variety of frictional forces on a car, including air resistance and the connection of wheels to the ground, determining how they're related to velocity.

Jacob Grigolia-Rosenbaum's "Blades" explored different configurations of blades and the results produced when they are dropped into a claylike material — the volume of clay that's displaced, for example. Grigolia-Rosenbaum is a swordsman himself and included a mini-guillotine in his experiment.

Robert Duncan was "fascinated by his own bicycle," said Fabini. He compared torque with pedals and wheels, testing out the established theory regarding those relationships, in "Gearing Ratios."

Richardson tied for her third place award with Sarah Cramer and

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City officials will study options for use of the now defunct library site on Solano Avenue.

## New use for old library considered

Mary Flaherty

ALBANY — The old library on Solano Avenue may soon be up for grabs, since the City Council unanimously approved exploring leasing or rebuilding options for the building at its Feb. 13 meeting. The council approved spending up to \$10,000 for city staff to analyze options and to market the availability of the 1950's-era pale green building. The city holds the lease on the 1000-square foot former library building until the year 2002 when ownership will be transferred to the Albany Unified School District, which owns the land. City officials want to explore leasing and developing options that could financially benefit both parties now and eliminate problems the city faces as a short-term owner.

"It's a win-win situation," said Albany Administrator Daren Fields. "The city and school district could possibly share the profits on renting or developing the site. The school district leased the building to the city in 1951 to use solely for the Albany branch of theameda County Library System, said Fields. The lease was amended in 1990, when the city made plans to build a new library, stipulating that the city may keep and sub-lease the building for nine years after the library moves and then turn owner-

ship over to the school district, he said.

The aging building has been virtually empty since December 1993 when the library moved to Marin Avenue. Until this month the building was sub-leased for \$3,300 per month to the school district, which used it for storage.

Resident Dario Meniketti complained about the appearance at the council meeting. The old library's littered steps lead up to glass doors revealing an abandoned interior.

"Something has to be done with that block," he said. "It's an eyesore. It's a blight. It's an attraction for dog manure."

The city now needs a tenant for the site, however a lease for only eight years, with an unknown future once the school district takes over, may discourage renters, Fields said.

But if the city and the school district co-lease the building, they could attract a long-term tenant and share the rent, not only for the next eight years, but as long as the lease lasts, to the city's advantage, he said. And if the city and school district jointly sell the building to a developer, the city would take part of the profit in exchange for the terminated lease.

"The city would also gain sales tax revenue if the building were

used for commercial purposes," said Fields.

The advantage of either project to the school district, said Fields, is the opportunity to realize a profit from the site soon, instead of eight years from now.

While the School Board has as yet taken no official comment on such a venture, Board Vice President Alan Riffer responded positively to the idea. "The board would be happy to work with the city to reach an agreement that's mutually beneficial," he said.

But potential difficulty realizing development at the site was also noted. "There are several problems with developing the property," said Boardmember Ed McManus. The property which backs up to the Cornell School is not very deep and there is no parking, he said. "But if they can find a solution, great," he added.

McManus also said he was interested in preserving the "plaza or courtyard feel" created by the gap between the old library and the building next door and the wide sidewalks on the block.

The \$5,000 for studying the site's options will come from the Economic Development fund, which contains \$10,000 restricted to economic development spending, said Fields.

The council has also approved possibly sub-leasing the building short-term, while the study is underway.

One potential tenant has already been identified. Staff at the Albany YMCA have also expressed an interest in leasing the building for child care.

"It would be an ideal location for the YMCA Child Care program," said Catherine Jamison, executive director of the Albany branch.

## Peace Through Meditation

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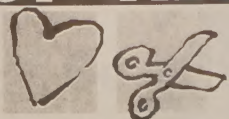
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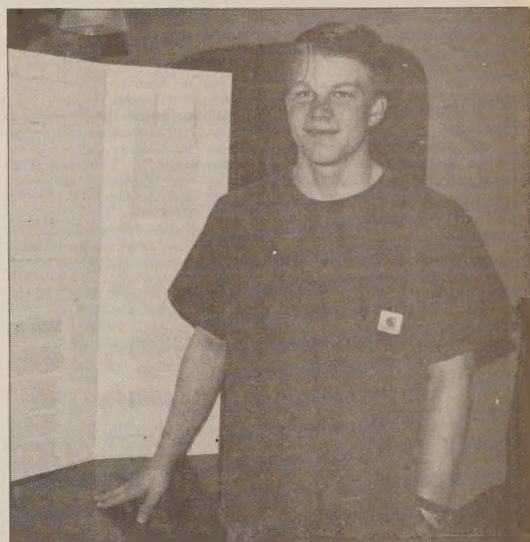
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Jonathan Sessler took second place in the 11th grade physical science division.

## Kids' page winner announced

Caroline Thow, 9, of Albany is the winner of a pass for four to the Oakland Zoo for correctly answering the question on last week's Kids'

Page. The question was "Are all Zebras striped the same?" The answer is no, all zebras have their own distinctive stripe patterns.

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## Goings on About Town

## Performances

**Ashkenaz:** Feb. 23, 9 p.m.: New Orleans' style *Made in the Shade*; Feb. 24, 9:30 p.m.: Jai Uttal & the Pagan Love Orchestra; Feb. 25, 9:30 p.m.: West African Highlife Band; Feb. 26, 2 p.m.: "Crosspulse" kids' show, 5 p.m.: Nigerian Brothers, Colibri; Feb. 28: Tee Fee, Mardi Gras party, 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

**Bay Area Puppet Playhouse:** "Daedalus", a show of mythological proportion. School show, Feb. 23, 3 p.m.; Feb. 25, 2 p.m., Feb. 26, 3 p.m. 2353 c San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-0715.

**Berkeley Hillel:** Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. indoor picnic; 7:30 p.m.: "Naomi: A One Woman Play," East Bay premiere of the Israeli Acco Festival Winner, 8:30 p.m.: discussion. 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 845-7793, ext. #66.

**Berkeley Repertory Theatre:** "Geni(us)", by Geoff Hoyle and Tony Taccone, directed by Tony Taccone. Through March 24. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 845-4700.

**Berkeley Symphony Orchestra:** Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m.: "Under Construction II," a free, open rehearsal and performance of new works by Bay Area composers. At St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 841-2800.

**Berkeley Youth Orchestra:** Feb. 24, 8 p.m.: Violin recital accompanied by chamber ensemble. Joseph Gold, violinist, with members of the Pro-Musica String Quartet. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

**Celebrate Black History Month:** Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, 1781 Rose St., North Berkeley. Call 548-0542.

**Brazilian Jazz:** Benefit for the Berkeley Creative Living Center, with Sabena Stark. Feb. 25, 8 p.m. First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

**Center for Theater Arts, UC:** "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller, directed by Christopher Herold. Feb. 23 through Mar. 5. The Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Call 642-9988.

**Children's Community Center:** Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: Bob Bossin presents "an evening of songs, slides, video, stories, baseball, train robbery and diapers" as a benefit for Children's Community Center, 1140 Walnut St., Berkeley.

**Dance for a Plutonium free world:** Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Pele Juu, KFOG's "Scoop" Nisker and the SF Taiko Dojo Children's Drum Group. Church of the Divine Man, 2018 Allison Way, Berkeley. Call 540-7645 or 540-5917.

**Freight & Salvage Coffee House:** Mar. 1: Sonya Hunter, Monica Pasqual; Mar. 2: Duck Baker and Molly Andrews: Appalachian and other traditional songs plus acoustic guitar, at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 548-1761.

**The Hampton Schwartz Duo:** Feb. 25, 8 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley. Tickets available at the door. One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 233-8283.

**Hausmusik:** Mar. 4, 8 p.m.: "Three Streams, traditional Celtic Music from the old and New Lands," with Deborah White, Shira Kammen, Kevin Toney, John Chreager, Jared White and Shayne White. Saint Alban's, 1060 Solano Ave., #517, Albany. Call 524-5661.

**Hertz Hall:** Mar. 1, noon: Peter Wahrhaftig, tuba, Marc Shapiro, piano, Jeffrey Budin, Hall Goff and Gerry Paganovitz, trombone. U.C. Berkeley campus, free. Call 642-4864.

**The Kensington Symphony Orchestra:** Feb. 26, 7 p.m.: Byung Jin Kang, young soloist competition winner, violin. First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 525-3323.

**La Peña Cultural Center:** Feb. 25, The Magic Window Puppet Theater with Linda Zitel; Afro-Cuban music with Conjunto Céspedes. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568, ext. 15.

**Live at CCCT:** Pocket Theater, directed by Mark Patino and Rex Muñoz, through April 12. Ages 7-9 years, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; ages 10-12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 951 Pomona Avenue, El Cerrito. Call 232-6537.

**Live Oak Youth Theatre Audition:** "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" actors, singers and behind-the-scenes workers, grades 1-12. Pre-Audition classes begin Feb. 21, auditions Mar. 7. 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 548-1759.

**New Giorgi Gallery Concert Hall:** Feb. 23, 8 p.m.: "Artists with Urban Mexican Sensibility" performance art; Feb. 24, 8 p.m.: Clavon Quartet, music by Mozart, Rohde and Brahms; Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: Charmagne Belle, soprano, accompanied by pianist James Meredith; Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m.: Montfort's Piano Sonata Variations and Finale; 3 p.m.: Kuei-Ling Pomerleau, a fund raising series concert; 7:30 p.m. Pacific Sticks Percussion Ensemble. Ticket includes a free glass of wine from Oddbins Winery. 2911

Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4967.

**Kimball's East:** All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

**The San Francisco Early Music Society:** Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: The Newberry Consort. Explore the Arthurian legends in medieval music. Pre-concert lecture for ticket holders, 7 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 528-1725.

**Starry Plough:** Feb. 23: King Beaver, MK Ultra; Feb. 24: The Ass Ponies, The Doubters Portashrine; Feb. 25: Chuck Prophet & His Creatures of Habit, Brilliantines; Tuesdays, Traditional Irish Music/Lessons; Wednesdays, Cabaret/Open Mike; 7:30 p.m. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

**Wimlin's Poetry Reading:** One year anniversary, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.: Wendy O'Matik, Anada Esteve, and Samiya A. Bashir. The Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

## Religious Activities

**Epworth United Methodist Church:** Friendship Sunday, welcoming visitors. Feb. 26. Music, liturgy and special events following the 10 a.m. worship. 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Call 524-2921.

**First Unitarian Church:** Sunday services: 8:30 a.m. meditation; 9:30 a.m.: Personal Theology under leadership of psychologist Meredith Sabini; Church School classes for children meet in church at 10:45 a.m.; One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 525-0302.

**Berkeley Hillel:** Feb. 24, 7:45 p.m.: Free Shabbat dinner and folk dancing; Mar. 1: "An Israeli Dove's Perspective of the Middle East," TBA; Feb. 26, 10 a.m. bagel brunch with guest speaker Jonathan Mayer; Mar. 2, 8 p.m.: Seinfeld Social; Every week: Friday nights, 5:30 p.m.: "Sing-a-long"; Sundays, 7 p.m.: Israel Action Committee Meetings; Mondays, 7 p.m.: meditation; Wednesdays, 4 p.m.: De-Cal Class: Zionism. 2736 Bancroft Way. Call 845-7793.

**McGee Avenue Baptist Church:** Feb. 25, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: seminars on domestic violence, child abuse and clergy abuse; Feb. 26, 3 - 5 p.m.: Candlelight service of remembrance, healing and celebration. Guest preacher, author and attorney, Rev. Martha Simmons. Call 843-1774.

## Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

**The African-American book Club:** Feb. 23, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.: will discuss *Fragments of the Ark*, South Berkeley Library Branch, 1901 Russell at MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley. Call (415) 773-9558.

**Allegro Dancers:** Ballroom dances and instruction; Dance parties: Thurs. and Sun. afternoons and Thurs., Fri. Sat. nights. Call 524-9199.

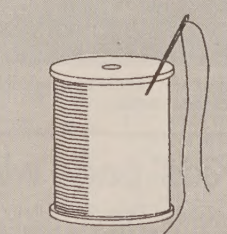
**Alliance Française East Bay:** French classes for adults, beginning Mar. 1; 2004 Woolsey St., Berkeley. Call 548-1520.

**Alta Bates:** Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m.: "Regaining your Confidence: Continence Management"; 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Call 450-1500.

**American Red Cross:** The California Child Care Course, designed to fulfill state requirements for childcare providers, offered Mar. 4 and 11, 9-5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. 2111 14th St., Oakland. Call 800-520-5433, ext. 1.

**Berkeley Aids Housing:** Mar. 2, 7 p.m. Candlelight vigil. South Berkeley Senior Center, 2929 Ellis at Ashby, Ber-

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Jamaican composer/pianist Eleanor Alberga and violinist Thomas Bowes will make their Bay Area debut at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at New Giorgi Concert Hall, 2911 Claremont (near Ashby). The performance will include two premieres of Alberga's works: "Wild Blue Yonder" for piano and violin, and "F.Y.S." for piano. Of Alberga, the London Times has said, "... she has a gift for striking gestures and imaginative tone colouring." Bowes, who plays a 1659 Amati violin — has been described as having "an enviable bow arm and a clear, ringing tone." For reservations call 849-4967.

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**Berkeley/Albany Midweek Ski Club:** Midweek skiers' social club meets first and third Tuesdays. Sharing cuts the cost of club owned Tahoe City ski lodge. Must be over 21. Call 451-1044.

**Berkeley City Club:** Feb. 26, noon to 4 p.m., take the historical landmark architectural tour. City Club designed by Julia Morgan. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-7800.

**Berkeley Folk Dancers:** International folk dance lessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

**Berkeley High School:** Class of 1985 is looking for graduates for its 10 year reunion. Write: BHS Class of '85 Reunion, 1928 Bush Ave., San Pablo, 84806.

**Berkeley Hiking Club:** Feb. 26, Mt. Tamalpais or a mini hike around Angel Island, 8:30 a.m. Call 654-3148; 9 a.m.: Shell Ridge, call 939-0159.

**Beta Sigma Phi:** "A Night of Elegance," annual East Bay Council Sweetheart Ball, Feb. 25: cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 9-midnight. Proceeds go to Cystic Fibrosis research. Berkeley Marina Marriott. Birthdays: Feb. 25, 9:30 - 3 p.m.

Crash Refresher. Call 869-2797.

**Black Oak Books:** Feb. 23, Peter Carey and *The Unusual Life of Tristan Smith*; Feb. 27, Geoffrey Wolff will read from *The Age of Consent*. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 486-0698.

**The Boundaries in Question Collective:** Mar. 4 - 5, fifth annual feminist conference. Free. Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley. 486-1963.

**Contract Bridge:** Berkeley-El Cerrito-Richmond League has duplicate bridge games at several times and places. Call 232-6689 or 526-1762.

**City Commons Club:** Feb. 22: "The Middle East: Lasting Steps to Peace," with Fred Lawson; Mar. 1, "Immigration: An End to Open Doors," Both are 10 - noon. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

**El Cerrito:** Mar. 1 - April 1, Saturdays. Soccer and baseball for ages 5-6, 7-9, 10-12. Cerrito Vista Park. 215-4371.

**Cody's Books:** Feb. 23, Mark Salzman, *The Soloist*; Feb. 28, Nicholas Negroponte with *Being Digital*, Feb. 28, Ed Kashi with *When the borders bleed: The Struggle of the Kurds*. All events 7:30 p.m. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

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Get complete, recorded information by dialing 841-6392.



**Congregation Beth Israel:** Feb. 26, 8 p.m. "Is Israel Really the Third Temple?" with Prof. Richard Webster. 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

**Contra Costa Hills Club:** Feb. 23, 9 a.m.: Martinez shoreline, call 232-7475; Feb. 26, Seven Mile Hike from Valle Vista, 10 a.m., call 376-5352; Mar. 2: Six mile level loop walk along Alameda Creek. 10 a.m., call 532-8340.

**El Cerrito Community Center:** The Buddy Club presents Jim Beatty's Happy Clown theatre and singer Randy McCombs. Feb. 26; 7:00 Moerser Lane, El Cerrito. Call 215-4077.

**Chinese Cultural Education Assoc.:** Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m. fundraiser to benefit Scholarship Fund. Dinner theme is "Era of Imperial Fashions." Tickets \$50 a person. Call 234-0859 or 236-5224.

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## Obituaries

## Joan O'Brien

Joan O'Brien died in Berkeley Feb. 11.

A native and lifelong resident of Albany, aged 83 years, she was a member of St. Ambrose Church, Berkeley; Albany Post #292, American Legion; and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a World War II veteran.

Services were held on Feb. 15 at St. Ambrose Church, with commitment to St. Joseph's Cemetery, San

Pablo. Contributions in her memory to Vine Village, 4059 Old Sonoma Road, Napa 94559 would be appreciated. Ellis-Olson Mortuary in Albany handled the arrangements.

## Marie N. Donato

Marie N. Donato died in Alameda on Feb. 8.

She was the wife of the late Louis K. Donato; grandmother of Michele Walker of Richmond and Stephanie Ann Donato of Houston; and great-

grandmother of William Walker.

Aged 92 years, she was a long-time Albany resident and a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church in El Cerrito.

A funeral mass was held at St. Jerome Church, with commitment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Ellis-Olson Mortuary.

Contributions in her memory to Catholic Charities, 433 Jefferson St., Oakland 94607 would be appreciated.

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Robert Mondavi Fume Blanc.....	6.95	Petrini's	7.89
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Courvoisier V.S. Cognac 750ml.....	17.99	Lucky	21.88
Jagermeister Herbal Liqueur 750ml.....	15.99	Longs	17.59
Tuaca Liqueur 375ml.....	11.69	Safeway	13.99
Grand Marnier 750ml.....	23.95	Longs	26.99
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## Student writing contest announced

The annual California Writers' Club story writing contest for Fifth Grade students is again under way in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The contest is held as a means of encouraging writing skills among local students. This year the Mt. Diablo Branch of CWC is co-sponsoring the event.

Ten cash prizes are offered—\$100, \$75, and \$50 for the three best stories written by fifth graders in the two-county area; and \$10 each for seven fourth-place winners.

Fifth grade teachers may enter up to three stories from each classroom. All three receive award certificates. The competition is conducted only through the schools.

Entries must be postmarked on or before April 1 and mailed to: Story Contest, 52 El Camino Real, Berkeley, CA 94705. Copies of the contest rules are available from the same address. Winners will be announced in June.

## How land use decisions get made

In my last two articles I discussed some of the considerations that have informed my decision making on the issue of redevelopment.

In this piece I would like to outline the history of the El Cerrito BART plaza mixed use concept. I will use this concept for three reasons. First, the city will consider an actual project for the site in the near future. Because it will be before us, we have seen an increase in citizen interest on this matter. Finally, it provides a good example of the basic legal framework for how decisions are made in approving or disapproving of a particular project.

## The General Plan

The city of El Cerrito, like all other cities, makes land use decisions within the framework of its General Plan. The General Plan is an overall blueprint or outline for the city's land use planning. It is intended to guide city planning over the long term by setting forth the city's basic goals and considerations. The General Plan's purpose is to integrate the planning for individual areas and the myriad types of land uses into a whole unit so that the city is planned as a whole rather than as a hodgepodge of potentially competing uses. This is because the City Council must make decisions concerning proposed land uses or projects with the good of the entire city as a key component. The General Plan sets up the framework for the city to balance the good of the city as a whole with the concerns of the individual residents or neighborhoods within the city.

One of the key aspects of the General Plan and modern land use planning is that public bodies should identify for their constituents their overall goals and policies and make decisions that are consistent with those goals and policies. In this way the public can control the long term growth and development of their community.

Another purpose of the General Plan is to make sure that people do not wake up one day and see a new use to an area that had not been planned for that area. This means that people should read their city's general plan and become active on land use issues so as to remain informed about any changes. The General Plan is adopted following a long, publicly noticed process with public hearings and open

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce  
El Cerrito



decision making. The General Plan is available at City Hall for review and purchase. Hence, no one, whether they are a long term resident or new member of the community, has any excuse for not knowing what is in their city's general plan.

El Cerrito adopted its General Plan in 1975. The General Plan identified the BART stations as a critical component of the city's land uses and set forth the goal that the city should promote the orderly development of the two BART stations as focal points for integrated transportation, commercial, and residential centers. The Plan identified higher density residential uses adjacent to the BART station as another goal.

## The Redevelopment Plan

When the city established the redevelopment agency it had to adopt a Redevelopment Plan. It serves a similar function as the General Plan for the areas within the redevelopment boundaries. The city adopted the Redevelopment Plan in 1977. Again, this was done through an open, publicly noticed process with public hearings and open decision making. The Redevelopment Plan is also available for review and purchase. No resident has any excuse for not knowing what is in his or her city's redevelopment plan.

El Cerrito's Redevelopment Plan identified a number of objectives. These included encouraging greater intensity of development in the areas adjacent to the two BART stations.

To accomplish that goal it provided that the city could allow for greater residential densities within walking distance of the BART stations, allow for mixed use projects combining housing, retail, commercial, and office space in the vicinity of the BART stations, and providing assistance in assembling sites for new residential development.

## The 1981 Land Use Study

In 1981 the city and BART conducted a joint land use study of the area around the Plaza BART station. Again, this was an open public process which resulted in a public document available for review. This study outlined various development scenarios for the BART area and recommended new commercial development in a mixed use setting with the development of 160 units of housing.

## Report of the Citizen's Land Use Committee

In 1983 the city established a Land Use Committee. This committee had 12 residents on it. The city directed this citizens committee to review the land uses in the redevelopment agency and to make recommendations as to the desired types of development for the different redevelopment areas. This committee met at open publicly noticed meetings and prepared a report available for review. I had moved to El Cerrito at this time and distinctly remember attending meetings of this body so that I could be informed about the land use decisions that would be made in my city. The citizens committee strongly recommended mixed use development for the Plaza BART area to the west of the BART tracks.

## The 1991 General Plan Housing Element

In 1991 the city adopted a new housing element for its General Plan. Again, this was done through publicly noticed meetings and hearings. For this element to be adopted, the city's Planning Commission made up of citizens from the community had to review and approve it before it went to the City Council for adoption. The housing element identified the plaza BART station as a housing opportunity for 131 units of affordable housing. The term affordable housing means residential units that are affordable for various income categories. The lowest category is for an income of \$24,000, which is the starting salary for a credentialed teacher in the El Cerrito schools.

## Environmental Review for a Specific Project

The legal import of all this planning, which has included a lot of citizen input, is that the city has as its general plan objective the creation of a mixed use development at the Plaza BART station in the area west of the station. For a particular project to be actually approved and built, however, it must pass muster under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). If a project cannot meet the legal criteria for CEQA, then it cannot be approved. I will discuss the basic components of CEQA and its application to the Plaza BART site in my next article.

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# Commitment and caring part of resident's city spirit

Chris Bruso is one of those people who are the backbone of the city: She loves to volunteer and work in the community, she cares deeply about what she does, and she does it well.

I came across Chris when Luis Garcia called to tell me that his art (along with Greg Jalbert's) was to be hung in the Albany Community Center/Library gallery. He raved about the Arts committee and the dedicated people on it, and one of those he spoke of so highly was Chris Bruso. In fact, I spoke with others on the committee who also referred me to her.

There have been some really good changes in the Arts Committee of late, Chris tells me, and as it is now constituted, it is really getting things done. She says that the people who started the committee had a vision and hopes, but without any kind of a gallery, except in Albany City Hall, there was little they could do. With the advent of the Community Center/Library, new vistas are opening up. The gallery has become a reality, and Chris is one of the people working on the Arts Cafe for the center.

She dwells lovingly on the Arts Cafe; on the delightful ambience it will bring to the city, the need for something of the kind in the center and on Marin Avenue, and the difficulty of projecting to people interested in doing it, the number and types of clients they can expect. Chris is sure that when such a cafe is set up, the response will be instant and great. People wandering in from the library, browsing through their books over a cup of coffee and a pastry, users of the Community Center visiting before or after a class, and passers by dropping in for a pause in the days errands. A place for friends to meet and strangers to chat.

The concept originated with committee members Evan Clavella and Nora Pate, she says,

and was eagerly adopted by the rest.

But back to Chris, for she is our focus today. And it is fun getting back to her, for in spite of the fact that this busy woman is bringing up two sons (Sam is 9 and Ben is 7), works two days a week, and does a great deal of volunteer work, she is, somehow, a restful spot in the chaotic world that is the '90s.

Chris was born in Canoga Park, in the valley outside of Los Angeles, the middle child in a family of five, she was the quiet one, always writing journals and poetry while the older sibs were busy having the traumas of youth. Attending Catholic school until the 8th grade made her rebellious and questioning. When she was offered a scholarship to a Catholic High School she refused. Going to public school was like a whole new world.

Her escape continued to be writing; journals, short stories and poetry. And when she went to San Diego State University, where english was her major and journalism her minor.

When a friend, who won a dance scholarship, wanted her to go to New York with her, she did. Unable to get a job in publishing, she took a job as a waitress. Back to L.A. and then, with the same friend, up to San Francisco. Secretarial work, and marriage to Dale followed.

As usual, she started volunteer work when her children started school. She volunteered at the school, and became very active in the PTA. As president of the Vista/MacGregor PTA in 1992 she learned a lot about politics and how to further your agenda. She was also learning a great deal about fund raising.

She became interested in the Arts Committee when Susan Adami approached her about youth programs.

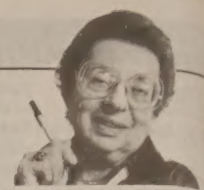
Chris works two days a week for the Albany Senior Center, enjoying working with Jean Allen and the people there.

But she waxes most enthusiastic when she speaks of the Arts Committee, the artists exhibits at the Community Center and the Arts Cafe.

And she also speaks of the need for volunteers and the joy of volunteering. "If volunteers weren't a part of things, a lot of things wouldn't get done." And she adds, "I am really lucky because I have the ability, because I work only part time, to be able to do the things I like to do."

She speaks of "being toughened up by her work in the PTA, where sometimes people became angry with her when she worked to push through projects that seemed important to her. And she says, "I am a lot stronger than I thought I was." But the whole experience with PTA has been a positive one, she says.

Chris continues to write, and husband Dale, who was also a journalism major, writes as well. Date is Data Manager at Kaiser, where he runs a



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

network of computers.

Bringing up two boys, and living a busy chaotic, she says, but it is good. And the Good for her, for her family and for the community.

As noted, Luis Garcia and others in the Committee led me to Chris Bruso. And, that was good.

Please give me your input: Interesting projects, events, organizations, etc. Write to: 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, Ca. 94706. 525-4585.

## New exhibition at Albany gallery

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of its second art exhibition at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery from mid-February through mid-April. The reception for the artists will be held Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Gallery.

Featuring creations by two Albany artists, Luis Garcia and Greg Jalbert, the show highlights color-

ful designs in two distinctly different types of style and media.

Luis Garcia, who works on canvas using needlepoint with a continental or basketweave stitch, feels "fortunate to be able to combine 'art' and 'craft', utilizing a limited amount of space, time, and materials, to create tactile and spontaneous compositions depicting an abstract geometric with the simplest

of tools, a needle."

Greg Jalbert, whose patterned artwork of watercolor ink is influenced by his background in jazz and classical music, creates a picture as a "visual system of forms that can be put together." He often avoids working on a single idea, and tries to work that can be interpreted in several independent ways."

## POETRY

### THE PHOTOSYNTHESIS OF ME

I absorb life  
I breathe it in  
I soak it up

Each strand of my hair is like a celebration of life My hair grows belligerent, unruly, unkempt.

My eyes never close They watch every shift every change of universe I have passionate eyes that hunger for more than television, more than the movies.

My body is like the earth My skin is richlike the soil My stomach, the Great Plains. The small of my back, rock smoothed by glaciers.

Like a flower for seasons I thrive  
I grow strong I breathe life.

—Tenesha Smith,  
MacGregor High School

### WEATHER, WEATHER AND MORE WEATHER

Happy and sad. I'm sad because it rained. I'm happy in the afternoon because the sun came out. Sometimes I like to play in my garden. I like to pick flowers.

The sun feels good on my skin. I

like the sun because it keeps me warm. I like the sun because it keeps us all warm. I like the sun because it keeps us warm and dry. I like the sun because when it's hot we can go to swim.

I like it when there's a pretty rainbow in the sky. I like to laugh when rainbows are out. I like the sky when it's shaped like a rainbow because I laugh when it's shaped like that.

I like the snow because I like to build snowmen. I like the snow because you can make people in the snow. I like to build snow houses. I like the snow because I like to throw snowballs. I like the snow because I like to throw snowballs at my dad. I like throwing snowballs. I like the snow because we can go sledding.

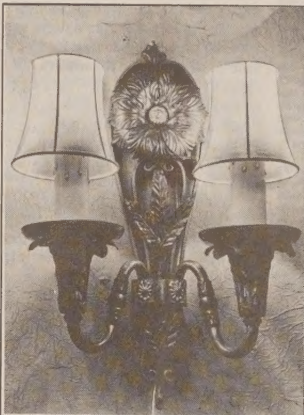
And when we finished this poem the birds said, "Tweet, tweet, tweet."

—Nancy Burgess'  
Kindergarten class at MacGregor Primary School.

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence, Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

## Antique Shopping in Berkeley



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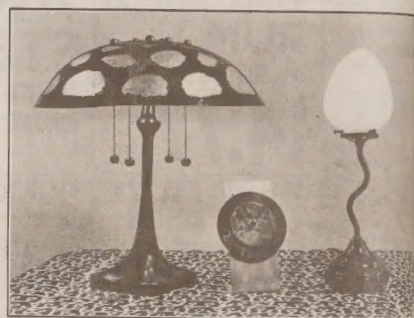
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## Albany resident wins Soroptimist award

Diana Lynn Spatz, a 35-year-old single mother of one and Albany resident, is this year's recipient of Soroptimist International of Oakland's Training Awards Program (TAP). Spatz was given the \$750 cash award at a luncheon honoring her at the Hotel Oakland (where the first Soroptimist Club met 74 years ago) on Feb. 16.

Spatz will use the TAP award to complete her bachelor's degree at UC-Berkeley, where she is majoring in political economies of industrial societies. Once she completes her studies, Spatz plans to continue her efforts to help other single mothers and poor families get the skills and education they need in order to help themselves.

TAP is a Soroptimist International of the Americas program that aids mature women (usually heads of their households) who need further education to upgrade their skills or to re-enter the workforce. Spatz is now eligible for the region- and federation-level awards.

"I'm looking forward to finishing up so I can go on to help other women as I've been helped," said Spatz.

The Soroptimist International of Oakland chose Spatz because of her optimistic attitude, her struggle to be independent of the welfare system, and the excellent recommendations she received.

Spatz has been singlehandedly raising a healthy, happy, confident child while going to school full-time and maintaining high academic standards, doing extracurricular research, getting published, and doing advocacy for other low-income mothers, advising and encouraging them to go to school.

In addition to supporting TAP, the Oakland club's major service project is the Women's Refuge, a shelter for battered women.

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is part of the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women.

Headquartered in Philadelphia, SIA has more than 47,000 members in close to 1,500 clubs in 18 countries. In addition to supporting international projects, Soroptimist clubs accomplish their service goals based on individual community need.



## Local entrepreneur does right by the environment

By Kivi Leroux-Duncan

ALBANY — If you could put smiles on children's faces, pump thousands of dollars through the local economy, and do right by the environment, you'd be a genius, right? Well, that's exactly what Ruth Leif is doing on Solano Avenue.

Leif owns Play It Again Toys, an Albany consignment shop for previously-owned toys. Ruth got interested in extending the useful life of toys while she and her husband volunteered at their child's co-op.

"We sorted the toys and kept the tricycles in order. We realized that not everything was going to make it, so we'd make an attempt to replace parts and make repairs," she says.

Leif took her reuse ethic to the community at large in March 1993 when she opened her store.

After less than two years in business, over 250 locals residents sell toys through her, with sales of between \$3,000 and \$10,000 per month. Think of it as money that would otherwise be stuck in a dark corner of the garage or buried in the landfill. Leif has found that many of

her consignors are motivated by environmental concerns and do not want to turn a perfectly good toy into trash destined for the garbage can. Instead, they bring items to her for a second lease on life. In many cases, the toys and games have never even been taken out of the box.

Leif especially enjoys teaching the younger kids who bring in toys about the reuse ethic.

"The kids from [ages] 5 to 9 are the best. They're very proud when they prepare the toys themselves, checking all the pieces," she says.

Older kids probably appreciate the environmental significance of reuse, but they're more interested in getting spending money by selling toys they no longer want.

The people who buy toys from her shop are usually looking for a particular item or a good deal, with legos, trains and particular games being the most popular items.

Grandparents who are overwhelmed by the myriad of toys on the market today come to Leif's store looking for something they gave to their own children years ago.

Play It Again Toys also

EcoMatters



Kivi Leroux-Duncan

participates in a job placement program through Berkeley High School, which gives students good business experience which they can use after they graduate. Parents who bring in toys for consignment often ask if their children can help in some way.

With the number of consignors doubling in the last year, the reuse ethic is spreading.

As Leif points out, while recycling is good, reuse and repair of products represent an even higher level of environmental responsibility. Only after products have been used beyond the point of repair should they be recycled.

And who can argue with getting the toys that your kids are now bored with back into circulation for a whole new round of smiles.

Play It Again Toys is located at 1170 Solano Avenue in Albany.

## Albany PTA Council News

### PTA activities offer something for everyone

By Peggy Thow

Role-playing, site planning, fund-raising, play-going — this week offers something for everybody.

Tonight, Feb. 23, the Cornell PTA sponsors a "participatory evening" on the subject of "Heckles, Put-Downs, and Other Facts of Life" at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Library.

Anne Read Smith, author and teacher, will show through role-playing how children can "protect their own emotional and physical space appropriately." The presentation is for adults; childcare is available.

Also tonight and Saturday, Feb. 25, the Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents "Five Short Plays," at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater.

Marin School celebrates the 100th day of school with its annual fundraiser — Hundrathon — on Feb. 23. Students in all classes will receive certificates for activities completed involving the number 100.

Contributions are sought from Marin families and from employees whose companies offer matching gifts programs. Proceeds support Marin PTA's programs.

The PTA Council meets on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9 a.m. in the AMS Library. All interested parents are welcome.

On Monday, Feb. 27, the Middle School Planning Committee will

discuss the new school's open spaces, lighting, parking arrangements, security, and other important features. Albany residents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. The time is 7 p.m. at the Middle School Library.

PTA Council's Disaster Preparedness Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Cornell School. School Board members will answer questions about retrofitting the school sites.

"Summer Programs for Kids" is the topic for the AMS PTA meeting on March 2.

Looking Ahead: Parents of 8th graders will want to attend Albany High School PTA's Information Night, on Monday, March 6.

## El Cerrito spring recreation programs, events announced

EL CERRITO — After six weeks of repairs, the El Cerrito Swim Center is open for adult lap swimming and water exercise classes.

Lap swimming is available on Monday and Wednesday's from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday's from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday the pool hours are from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for adult lap swimming.

Lap swimming fees are purchased on a per month fee of \$42 unlimited, \$34 for 10 swims, \$28 for eight swims and a drop-in fee of \$5.

Deep Water Aerobics class will resume beginning on March 1 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for an additional \$8 per month.

Please call the swim center at 273-9096 for further information.

### Youth Basketball resumes

The city of El Cerrito Recreation Services Division is pleased to offer youth basketball on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Some fundamental skills can be introduced, however, this is not a clinic or practice.

This time is designed to give children an opportunity to play in a recreational setting with their friends, at their own pace.

The gym supervisor is on site to oversee good sportsmanship, safety and organize play if needed. The gym supervisor is Henry Warren.

The fee is \$5 drop-in or eight tickets for \$28 and four tickets for \$16.

The play is held at Portola Gym, Moeser Lane at Avis Street. Play is open to ages 9 years old to 16 years old. Please call 215-4375 for further information.

### Annual Scholarship fundraiser dinner

The city of El Cerrito Recreation Services along with The New Mecca Mexican Cafe is proud to present the Fiesta Fundraiser.

The fundraiser dinner is a benefit to raise money and awareness for the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund. Money raised will enable recreation participants on a limited income the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of recreational classes.

The scholarship fund was recently re-named to honor the memory of the well known and admired local coach and friend, David Hunter.

The event will take place on Friday, March 24 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Tickets are currently on sale for \$9, tickets purchased at the door will be \$11.

Dinner includes taco, burritos, enchilada, rice, beans, salad and dessert. A vegetarian menu is also available, but must be ordered in advance.

Please call 215-4375 for further information. Don't miss out on the family, friends and fun at the Fiesta Fundraiser.

## Arbor Day tree planting planned

In observance of Arbor Day, Tuesday, March 7, El Cerrito Garden Club representatives and El Cerrito city officials will plant a tree in Arlington Park at 9:30 a.m.

The planting continues a longstanding city and Garden Club tradition, according to Margaret Green, Club president.

Winnie Sayre is Garden Club coordinator. Other participants will include children from a nearby school.

Arbor Day honors Luther Burbank, California's famous horticulturist.

The purpose is to improve tree planting and care and to promote urban forestry.

For further information, contact Winnie Sayre, 524-8954

## Last year they delivered the most babies in the East Bay.

East Bay Perinatal Medical Associates, the area's most prestigious obstetrics and perinatology group, has just moved to Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

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## Fair

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Julia Scott. Cramer studied sound absorption in different materials, using a microphone among other equipment. Scott examined the affects of different weights on parachutes, determining at what point they would begin to behave erratically because they needed more weight.

The fourth place physical science award for 11th grade students went to Imee Jurinario for "Marga-

rine — Is It Worth It To Buy?" Jurinario is a student at John F. Kennedy High School.

Only two awards were given to seniors in the physical science category. One went to an E.C.H.S. student. Anthony Matthews-Young studied what happened to a variety of objects when they fall in different liquids.

"He used simple materials, but did a very elegant job with his project," said Fabiani.

## BART meeting planned

EL CERRITO — BART will sponsor a community informational meeting at City Council Chambers Tuesday night, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. According to Redevelopment Agency manager Gerry

Raycraft, BART representatives will present plans "in concept" concerning a proposed mixed use development project on the BART parking lot property to the Redevelopment Agency and interested members of the public.

The council chambers are located adjacent to the El Cerrito Community Center on Moeser Lane.

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## Bad faith operation

Editor:

I am a West Contra Costa County taxpayer living in El Cerrito, and parent of a student attending Bright Star Montessori School in El Cerrito. I am writing to let you know how concerned I am about the administration of the West Contra Costa Unified School District under the direction of Dr. Herb Cole.

I am convinced West Contra Costa Unified School District does not need any more money. They have turned down every effort by the Bright Star Montessori School to purchase the current Cameron School that they have leased for the last 10 years. The fair market offer to purchase the site would assist the district in paying for much deferred maintenance at other sites, or even give the district teachers a much-deserved raise.

Bright Star has made every effort to work with the school district for a win-win situation, but, not unlike the teachers, have found the district unresponsive and unwilling to negotiate in good faith. Bright Star, an El Cerrito institution, has made major site improvements in anticipation of one day owning the product of their efforts, as promised by the district and its agents.

If the school district terminates the lease and does not sell the property to Bright Star, they will forgo lease payments totaling more than \$75,000 per year. Is it possible the former Richmond Unified School District, which changed its name after a disgraceful bankruptcy, is now free of financial problems? Their refusal to negotiate in good faith leaves me with no other conclusion.

Ronald K. Siqueira  
Bright Star parent  
El Cerrito

## Missed the point

Editor:

In reference to "Boys is rich in missed opportunities," Ms. Polt missed the movie — and she missed the point (Journal Feb. 9). *Boys on the Side* is not another *Thelma and Louise*. Yes, it is about

relationships between women, but it is by no means frivolous as suggested.

Quite to the contrary, women living with HIV and AIDS is one of the most serious issues facing us. And casual, unprotected sex (Robin does let us know she had a one-nighter with a bartender) is the cause for a frightening increase in the number of infected women, particularly young women. There is no barrier here of race or age or financial status. (By the way, Robin made a lot of money in real estate.) We are all vulnerable — and all looking for support.

My guess is Ms. Polt has never made the journey to the end with someone she loves who is dying of AIDS. Nor has she spent time with those who struggle to live each day with dignity and some semblance of normalcy. Many women in this situation are desperate: for resources, for time, for love.

And many create families of choice which give them the support and caring they don't get from their biological family or the social system which still casts them as pariahs who have done something heinous to deserve this illness.

May I suggest that you — and your readers — become more familiar with the heart-rending and heartwarming issues women living with HIV and AIDS face. There is a remarkable organization based in Oakland which provides information, support and advocacy for this diverse community of women.

Among other things, they have a newsletter that goes to 70 countries, an anonymous hotline, and regular retreats to help women (who have different symptoms and issues than men) live life as fully as possible. You can reach WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease) at 658-6930.

By the way, our first big fund-raiser is Monday, March 20, at the Cowell Theater in San Francisco. I have enclosed some information for you. Please come. You may have a different slant on *Boys on the Side*, and women living with HIV and AIDS as a result. Who knows, ther but for the grace ...

Barbara Paige Kaplan  
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## Parents get organized

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Albany school district superintendent J. Dale Hudson:

We, the PTA Council Disaster Preparedness Committee, would like to introduce ourselves to you. Our committee is a part of the PTA Council, which is an organization that represents all the PTAs in the school district. The PTA Council Disaster Preparedness Committee represents all the individual school sites and their PTA Disaster Preparedness Committees.

The purpose of the PTA Council is to minimize duplication at each site and make our job as volunteers more efficient. Many of us have (or will have in the future) children at more than one school site, so it is to our benefit to work with the PTA Council.

Our committee's mission is the same as the district's to create school environments for all of our children that are as safe as possible. To accomplish this mission, our goals are to define structural and non-structural work to be done, document it, and complete it for each site as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to live in a small town where there are so many dedicated parents who volunteer their valuable time to enhance our children's education in a variety of ways.

We thank all of the parents who have worked for many years on Disaster Preparedness Committees, and we thank you, the district, for your support in the recent months with the hard work you have done bolting file cabinets and bookcases, putting latches on cabinet doors, installing bungee cords, safety nets and lips on shelves, and more. We are pleased with the progress of the earthquake work done to date.

As we all know, there is much more work to be done to accomplish our mission of making our schools as safe as possible. Our committee proposes that we hire a seismic structural engineer to go to each school site and document both structural and non-structural work to be done.

This would eliminate the confusion and discussions around such questions as "What is the

correct way to secure light fixtures? How are appliances and water heaters properly bolted? Are the most effective cabinet latches to use of our greatest areas of concern is installing glass/lexan or safety film on windows.

Most of this non-structural information is found in the enclosed pamphlets, "Identification of Non-Structural Earthquake Hazards in California Schools" and "Post-Earthquake Evaluation and Reporting Procedures." The brochures came from the California State Emergency Services. We would like to see standards set for all the school sites based on documents.

Cost is a factor, and we would like to see work done correctly so it doesn't have to be at additional expense. We, the PTA Council Disaster Preparedness Committee, feel that since we can be drawn from the recent earthquake damage in Kobe, Japan, there is no question work must be done.

Measure A designates funds for earthquake retrofitting, and we would like to know how much bond money there is and when it is available. Is the money allocated by site or district as a whole? The budget is being prepared over the next several weeks, and this is an budget item that cannot be overlooked. We like to have this information at our next meeting March 1 (see below).

Another concern is with the building of Albany Middle School site, how the transition is handled with the Vista and MacGregor sites. The new middle school will take years to build, and we can't risk leaving any of our unsafe during this time. An earthquake does to wait for us to be ready!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 1 p.m., at Cornell. You, as well as other committee members, are invited to come. We look forward to accomplishing our goals together.

Christine  
Karen Carlin

PTA Council Disaster Preparedness Committee



# SENIOR LIVING



## PRIME TIME LIVING

By Joe King

As the years go by, have you noticed how our current events are becoming other people's history? To some of us the pre-BART trips to "The City", Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream Speech" broadcast live from the nation's capitol, and the new sound of The Beatles were only a handful of calendars into yesterday. We experienced what others have had to read about or see and hear on televised documentaries.

You're a full-fledged member of our young oldtimers club if you can recall dropping a three cent stamped envelope into a green letter box (mail trucks were dark green too, remember?), buying a deluxe hamburger at Valentine's Restaurant on 14th St. for fifteen cents, and tuning in radio station KLX so you could hear the 12 noon siren wailing from the Tribune Tower both inside and outside your house.

But that was then and this is now. How's the spirit? Young as ever, we hope.

No matter how positively we maintain our outlook on life, however, age creeps up on us; and we reach a point when those children we used to worry about begin worrying about us. Sometimes we even get a hitch in our get-along and we could use a little help.

Your faithful reporter recently visited with Sheila McAlinden, who is in charge of the Lifespan Program at Alta Bates Medical Center on Ashby Ave. in Berkeley. She and Susan Millar, of Public Relations briefed me on the extent of their current program.

"We have in excess of 5,000 members," McAlinden explained. "However, the hospital reaches out into the community beyond Lifespan. We've had doctors giving lectures at Senior Centers on stroke prevention and our 55

Alive Driver Improvement class had one-third non-members in attendance." (Note: this eight hour class can help you obtain a significant insurance discount).

Millar added, "We're really try-

ing to provide educational and social opportunities to teach seniors what is available and how they can improve their personal health care.

"For instance, on Thursday, See next page

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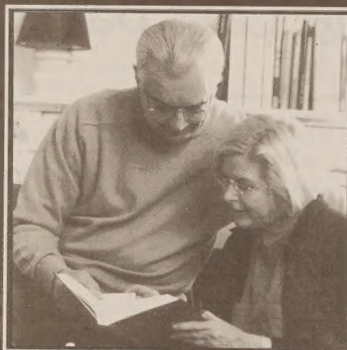
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## Albany Library center wins award

ALBANY — The Albany Library/Community Center has been selected by the California Parks and Recreation Society for the annual Award of Excellence in 1994 for facility design for jurisdictions with populations under 50,000.

Project designers were Marquis and Associates, San Francisco; general contractor was Dickman-Nourse, Inc., Mountain View; and the project manager was Richard Sampson and Associates, Pleasanton.

The California Parks and Recreation Society is a statewide organization of professionals that service public, private and educational institutions.

The award will be formally presented to the city in early March at the society's state convention in San Jose.

The Library/Community Center was opened in January, 1994 after six years of planning and construction. The 29,000 square foot building was built on the former site of Albany Hospital.

## Garden volunteer training offered

The Master Gardener Training Program of the University of California Cooperative Extension Program in Contra Costa County is accepting applications through March 6.

Master Gardeners are unpaid volunteers working with the University of California Cooperative Extension Office in Contra Costa County to extend educational information to the public. They encourage the adoption of sound home horticultural practices.

Examples of volunteer activities include answering telephone garden questions, working with residents of low-income neighborhoods on horticulture education projects, and staffing farmers' market and fair booths to answer home garden questions.

Classes start March 8. Most

classes will be held in the West County. The class starts at 6:15 p.m. and goes to 9:30 p.m. Classes continue on Wednesday evenings for 11 weeks. There will also be four Saturday afternoon meetings.

Classes include managing soils, water, pests, green waste, vegetables, fruit trees, ornamentals and more. You will receive UCANR publications valued at \$60. There is a \$50 fee for the volunteer program. Scholarships are available to cover the fee in cases of economic hardship.

To request an application or information, call 646-6540 or stop by our office at 1700 Oak Park Blvd., Room A2, in Pleasant Hill. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For special needs or accommodations, call Greg Vogel, 646-6540.

## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

## Five dozen prizes for Albany Day at the Races

Do you want extra cash, free cable, U.S. Savings Bonds, pizzas, haircuts, gift certificates, gold coins, a Seiko watch? The public has the opportunity to one of the prizes named or one of dozens of other prizes through the Albany Chamber of Commerce/Golden Gate Fields Albany Day at the Races fund-raiser for Albany nonprofit organizations.

Sixty prizes are being donated by Chamber members to assist the organizations in supporting their charities and civic projects. Benefactors may include the handicapped, "camperships," scholarships, youth sports, senior groups and school groups.

The Chamber of Commerce oversees the program, with all monies collected going to the participating organizations.

The nonprofit groups and the Chamber of Commerce are selling tickets for \$1 each or six for \$5. The four-portion ticket gives free admission to the races on March 11 only, reserved seating near the finish line, discount coupon for Domino's Pizza, and a chance to win a prize.

Albany and El Cerrito residents should watch for additional free tickets in the mail for free admission. These tickets will not entitle one to win a prize. The sale of tickets gives this opportunity.

Prizes and donors include five

\$50 cash prizes from Al Caruso Insurance, one \$250 gift certificate each from Charles Prins, D.C., and Jay Bunker, D.C., two prizes of one pizza per month from Domino's Pizza, one year of Basic Cable/Century Select from Century Cable, three \$50 cash prizes from the Golden Bear Motel, a Seiko watch from Richard's Jewelers, and one \$100 cash prize each from K & S Company, Ron Hunt, State Farm, Elaine Olson, attorney, and Little Alaska.

Others include 10 T-shirts from Soleil Tanning Salon, \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds each from Compass Realty and Jeans Realty, two \$50 Savings Bonds from the Albany branch of The Mechanics Bank, one \$100 certificate for detail work on an automobile from D & M Auto Body, one voice-activated remote programmer from Quorum, Walter & Bev Wallace Independent Distributors, four \$25 gift certificates from Rituals Gift Shop, one Starter jacket from Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods, and one Child-Guardian Alarm and Know & Tell Books (child safety).

Also, one \$100 wreath from Albany Florist and Gifts, six haircuts from Diani's Barber Shop, champagne brunch for four from Cafe del Sol, two \$50 cash prizes from Bay Alarm, one \$10 gold coin from Albany Coin Exchange, and four T-shirts and four sweatshirts



Dara Birnbaum (top left), administrative assistant at the Children's Center, with center Director Ted Simlowsky and students Marcus McLaughlin and Celia Shure.

from the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Albany Day at the Races started in the '70s on a smaller scale, and is now the largest fund-raiser in Albany for service clubs, senior and school groups, and patriotic organizations.

Participating this year are the Albany Children's Center, Friends

of the Albany Seniors, Albany Soroptimist International, Albany Rotary Club, Albany Lions Club, Golden Gate Lioness Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2658, American Legion Post 292, Albany Little League and the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are available from any of these groups. Call 525-1771 for information.



# SENIOR LIVING



March 9 from 2-4 p.m. at Alta Bates, a vascular surgeon and a vascular interventional radiologist will hold a class (free) on 'Leg Pains.' And on Thursday, the 23rd, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dr. Mark Murruma will present a program titled 'Is a Senior HMO Right for You?' This will be held at Mastick Senior Center in Alameda and representatives from several health plans will also be there to answer questions.

Before leaving, I spotted a bulletin board full of numerous notes of appreciation from folks who have been helped by some of these outreach programs offered by Alta Bates.

Our next stop was at the Salem Lutheran Home in East Oakland. This huge facility is located at 2361 East 29th Street on grounds covering five

acres and boasts 75 years of continuous residential care and service at this site.

Sloan Bentley, Director of Special Projects, showed us around and explained the extent of services offered at Salem Lutheran Home.

"We offer five levels of care here," she said. "Apartment living, residential living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and The Terrace which has our special Alzheimer program. We are among the very few care facilities which accept all levels of these cases - mild, moderate and severely demented patients."

"This portion of our facility operates on a 24 hour schedule," Bentley added; "since many of our patients here get their days and nights mixed up. Meals may be served and activities may be conducted at any time, for instance. We also have a full time music therapist here; it has been found that music works especially well with people who have Alzheimer's."

As the name implies, the rooms in this unit did indeed open out onto an expansive second floor terrace beautifully enhanced by flower gardens and small trees.

We also learned that, in addition to a full time music therapist, the staff at Salem Lutheran includes physical, occupational and speech therapists as well. "The focus of our rehabilitation program is to reinstate optimal functional level to keep people as independent as possible," Bentley explained.

Asked about admittance requirements, she informed us that, although 40% of the residents are Lutheran, the facility takes people of all denominations.

Other features include regular birthday parties, field trips of interest, support groups and a brand new exercise room.

One would have to visit Salem Lutheran Home to appreciate how modern and up-to-date everything is at this long-standing facility.

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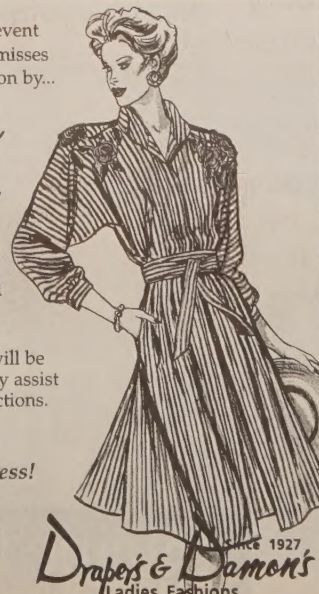
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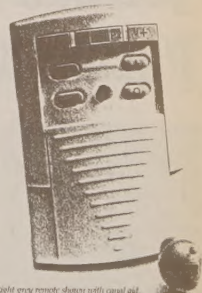
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■ BILL MANN

## One Enchanted Afternoon:

One of my favorite broadcast stories lately: A few months ago, a local radio announcer had just been fired by the station's program director under orders from the general manager. The ex-employee then met a friend for lunch, where he started unloading on the station's GM. Then, over in the corner of the restaurant, who does this newly unemployed guy suddenly spot... but the G.M.! And — get this — the radio exec is holding hands with a woman who is definitely not his wife. You're thinking blackmail, right? Or what terrible timing it was for the exec to pull such a juvenile stunt that day. But the out-of-work announcer didn't do anything — except prove by this inaction that he has a lot more class than his former boss. Not a bad way to go out.

**MULTIMEDIA NOTES:** My computer wizard, Antal Herz, a sarcastic lad, is now calling O.J.'s top lawyer "Johnny Cockroach," and I must admit that has a nice ring to it. Speaking of which, Net surfers might want to check out Time-Warner's O.J. World Wide Web page at <http://pathfinder.com/pathfinder/features/oj/central1.html>. When I first tried it the other day, I found the color graphics appealing — especially the O.J. police mugshot at the top. But when I tried to download some of the actual court documents, which sounded quite intriguing, I got a BUSY message on the computer. . . . Lest anyone think KSFO/KGO operations manager Jack Swanson — the guy who hired ousted hatehack J. Paul Emerson — is indulging in

nepotism by having his wife, Melanie Morgan — as KSFO's morning traffic and weatherperson, I say "Not So!" in the strongest possible terms. That's because, KGO sources tell me, Morgan is NOT a KGO or KSFO employee. She was, ahem, hired by Shadow Traffic. . . . Speaking of which, reader Derrick Sturke, a bemused long-time Morgan watcher, calls to say, "Melanie always gives you the impression that the news is there to bring you HER." . . . Another ex-KGO staffer, controversial talk host George Webber, was recently bounced from his job at San Diego's KOGO, but has landed on his feet — as a fill-in at Los Angeles' KMPC Radio, which was sold not long ago by Singin' Cowboy Gene Autry. Autry once owned KSFO and would probably find its latest incarnation an embarrassment. . . .

Morning man Alex Bennett, sounding more than a bit cynical after 20-plus years in radio, reacted to Emerson's firing last week by saying, "I smell a publicity stunt." I did, too, but maybe the bilious boob is gone for good after all. By the way, do you think Channel 5 gave Emerson enough free publicity this month? . . . Off to the early lead in the February sweeps ratings: KTVU, followed by resurgent KRON. Big losers in late news thus far: KPIX and KGO. Which, in KPIX's case is good news, since the station's hype just gets tackier and tackier — as its recent promo, "Get High With Dave," demonstrated. The phrase was used to promote a sweeps series about going flying with anchor-pilot Dave McElhatton. I bet someone in KPIX's newly revamped marketing department thought that "Get High" line was terribly clever, new, or both. It's neither.

More, even funnier, airplane stuff: Did you happen to watch that silly ABC TV-movie Monday starring William Devane, "Falling From The Sky! Fight 174"? I saw a different version than you did. Inside TV Stuff: I explained here a few

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### BUREAUCRATICALLY SPEAKING

BY ALEX AND VICTORIA BLACK / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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months ago that the advance review copies I get from the networks are often very rough, with no music or titles and technicians saying "Ring. . . ring" perfunctorily instead of a phone ringing (that sound is added later, in post-production.) But last night's rough cut was maybe the funniest I've received yet. In the climactic scene last night, Devane, playing the pilot of a Boeing 767 trying feverishly to land without fuel or power, heroically brings the big jet down on an abandoned airfield. But his nose gear collapses and the passengers have to be evacuated as deadly toxic smoke swirls around them.

On the finished version that aired on ABC, you saw hack actress Shelly Hack and the other passengers leave the big jet by going down an emergency slide. In the version I got, they

were escaping from a ludicrous-looking 20-foot fuselage section — propped up on wooden scaffolding. (The rest of the jet hadn't been filled in with matte paintings).



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## EC soccer warms up to playoffs

By Gray Cathrall

The Gauchos are coming, the Gauchos are coming! The rallying cry may not strike fear in the hearts of the top 16 soccer teams in Northern California who are competing this week in the North Coast Section playoffs, but it heralds a new level of respect for El Cerrito soccer.

This year marks the first time when both El Cerrito's girls' and boys' soccer teams have earned a berth in the NCS playoffs, a major goal.

A year ago, coach Fred Gonzales' boys' team finished fifth in league — their first year in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League — and missed going to the North Coast playoffs by two goals. This year they again finished fifth in the ACCAL, but shocked Bishop O'Dowd 1-0 on Valentine's Day to advance to the semi-finals of the league playoffs and a guaranteed place in the North Coast playoffs.

Though the Gauchos finished their league season with a modest 5-3-4 record (5 wins, 3 losses, 4 ties), they played their best soccer in the season. They lost 3-2 to O'Dowd during the season, but rallied from a 3-0 deficit late in the game.

"I told the guys after that game that we'd meet O'Dowd again in the playoffs," said Gonzales. "We felt good about it. We also wanted to tie Piedmont 2-2 late in the game a few weeks ago."

Last Tuesday in the league playoffs, Gauchos right wing Robert Tanuz scored 12 minutes into the second half off a pass from Javier Castillo for a 1-0 lead over O'Dowd. El Cerrito clamped down on defense for the remaining 28 minutes to walk away with a 1-0 upset of the Dragons.

"We were confident of being able to beat them," Gonzales said, "but it was the longest minutes of my life."

The victory sent the Gauchos to Piedmont, which won the league, for a semi-final game on Thursday. In a near repeat of their earlier game, Piedmont took a 2-0 lead, only to have El Cerrito catch up at 2-2 by halftime. Angeloth Chamony scored eight minutes before the half, and five minutes later Tanuz scored his second playoff goal on a header off Mark Moschetti's corner kick.

With less than five minutes in the game, Piedmont scored on a crazy bounce off the field over the goalie's shoulder for a 3-2 win. In spite of the loss, the Gauchos had accomplished something not seen at El Cerrito in many, many years, getting to the North Coast playoffs.

Their win over O'Dowd gave them fourth

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El Cerrito's Joey Ursini goes high over O'Dowd's Josh Yochum for a header on goal.

Jeff Lindquist

## Some luck, talent carry girls to NCS

By Gray Cathrall

Backing in may not be the way to go, but for El Cerrito's girls soccer team, 1995 marks the second straight year they've made it to the North Coast playoffs.

That's two times in the two years since Robert Sackey rescued and revived girls' soccer for the Gauchos.

Last year the Lady Gauchos finished second in their division of the league (Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League) with a 6-8-0 record, and received one of the four automatic ACCAL berths in the NCS playoffs. To no one's great surprise, they were totally outmatched 9-0 by Carondelet, the No. 1 ranked team in Northern California and ultimately in the U.S.

In a somewhat peculiar set of circumstances, El Cerrito returns to the North Coast this week and again plays Carondelet, the No. 3 seed this year. The biggest news, however, is that the Gauchos were given permission by the North Coast Section to host the game Tuesday night against Carondelet, marking the first-ever time a North Coast soccer game has been played at El Cerrito.

"Bringing North Coast soccer to El Cerrito is exciting," said Sackey. "Our girls are ready and are excited about having a second chance to play Carondelet."

Sackey's team returns to the NCS playoffs this year by virtue of having backed in as a replacement for Skyline, the fourth place team in the league. Because Skyline is a member of the Oakland Athletic

League in all other sports, it is ineligible to compete in post-season play in the North Coast Section.

In a mad scramble of re-playing all possible rained-out games, the Gauchos compiled a record of 6-3-1 on the final weekend of the ACCAL season, giving them a three-way tie for third place with Piedmont (6-2-1) and Skyline (6-3-1). Based upon head-to-head competition between the three schools, El Cerrito ended up in fifth place behind Piedmont (3) and Skyline (4).

In the opening round of the league playoffs, which this year included the top six of the 12 ACCAL girls teams, the Gauchos lost

to Skyline 1-0, a team they had tied 1-1 a week and half earlier.

"It was very disappointing," said Sackey. "We really wanted to beat Skyline and earn our way back to the North Coast playoffs." (The top four teams in the ACCAL automatically receive NCS playoffs berths.)

When it was learned that Skyline could not compete in the NCS playoffs, El Cerrito and De Anza, the No. 5 and No. 6 teams, played a game dubbed the Wild Card Bowl last Thursday, with the winner replacing Skyline at North Coast.

Jana Starkweather put the Gauchos on the board early with a first-half goal and a 1-0

lead over De Anza at halftime. Tiffany Okubo made it 2-0 on a penalty kick in the second half. After De Anza fought back to score its lone goal, Meka Kahn fired a ball that glanced off a De Anza defender for El Cerrito's third goal and a convincing 3-1 win.

The victory reversed a 2-1 loss to the Dons just four days earlier, a game that allowed De Anza to leap past Albany for sixth place in the league and a playoff spot. More importantly, however,

Thursday's Wild Card Bowl victory by the Gauchos sent them back to the North Coast and a chance to avenge last year's 9-0 pasting by Carondelet.

"We started our

### 'Bringing North Coast soccer to El Cerrito is exciting'

— COACH ROBERT SACEY



Meka Kahn (left) thwarts Skyline's attack on the goal.

Jeff Lindquist

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## Surprising hoop stars bound for playoffs

By Scott Kaplan

On the surface, Albany High doesn't seem like it would be consistently competitive in boys' basketball.

The school serving the slightly yuppyified town has an enrollment of about 800 students and isn't exactly overflowing with sports nuts. Add to that the fact that Albany is sandwiched between huge Berkeley High, Catholic St. Mary's and sports power El Cerrito, and it looks like the Cougars would be destined to be doormats.

But thanks to the athletes' dedication and heart, solid coaching and a handful of talented players, Coach Doug Kagawa's squad is bound for the North Coast Section playoffs for the fifth straight year.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at how well we've done this year," said Kagawa. "The kids don't like to lose and have played well."

Last Friday Jon Sanger scored 34 points and chucked in four three-pointers as Albany clinched the league playoff berth by downing host St. Elizabeth 64-56. The loss eliminates the Mustangs (14-12, 5-7 in the ACCAL) who were considered by many in the pre-season to be the powerhouse division favor-

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## El Cerrito

## Strong team, mixed results

By Scott Kaplan

When the El Cerrito Gauchos lost two of three in the West Coast Shootout in December, plenty of question arose regarding the fortitude of the boys' basketball team.

Twenty-two games later, not much has changed.

Yes, the Gauchos have talent, experience, depth, quickness and size. And yes, El Cerrito went 20-5 during the regular season with an average winning margin of over 20 points per



File photo

Coach Chris Huber exhorts his talented players to do their best.

game.

But the fact of the matter is that the Gauchos played five superb teams, all of their caliber, and each time the end result has been a loss.

Last Friday in their final regular-season game, the Gauchos found themselves on the short end of the 74-70 contest with host St. Joseph of Alameda.

El Cerrito's lost its other league game to Bishop O'Dowd 68-55 several weeks ago.

What has to be the most disconcerting thing about El Cerrito's setbacks is that with the exception of the O'Dowd game, El Cerrito very easily could have won.

But they lost. Against eventual Berkeley Shootout champ Harvard-Westlake, El Cerrito fell 64-63 on Jason Collins' bank shot as time expired. The Gauchos led Harvard-Westlake by 10 in the fourth, but in the stretch a cruci-

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## Cougar wrestlers head for North Coast

By Gray Cathrall

Albany's wrestling team, which won its own invitational tournament and placed second in the Oakland tournament, duplicated last year's post-season effort by sending five of its wrestlers to this weekend's North Coast Section tournament.

Qualifying for the prestigious NCS tournament on Friday and Saturday are Allen Seiden (103 pounds), Oscar Fong (119), Big Supiya (125), Theo Jerome (135) and Mark Fujita (152), all of whom won second place at last Saturday's Foothill Athletic League tournament at Miramonte.

Justin Bauer (140), Mike Gonzales (160) and Jafari Cooper (275) placed third and just missed earning a place in the North Coast tournament.

Supiya, a senior, and Seiden, a junior, were repeat silver medalists from last year's FAL tournament. For Fong, Fujita and sophomore Jerome, winning a medal and qualifying for North Coast was a new accomplishment.

"Oscar (Fong) has come a long way from last year," Albany head coach Kermit Bankson said. "Theo has a lot of talent but was kind of wild at the start of the season. He learned a lot, has changed his style and has gotten much better."

Fujita came closest to winning at the league meet. He was ahead of his opponent with 30 seconds to go in the match.

The performance that was most gratifying for Bankson was Supiya,

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Albany in-line hockey enthusiasts Edward and John-Paul Koehn are at home on skates.

## In-line hockey takes to the streets

By Whitney Woodward

It's 10:30 in the morning and Todd Jackson wants to spend the brilliantly blue Saturday afternoon in skates. Jackson, state league coordinator of the National In-line Hockey Association, has the facts on what is said to be the nation's fastest-growing sport.

"Roller-blading is a brand name, like Kleenex. They were the first manufacturer of what are called 'in-line skates,' which have four wheels in a line, versus the traditional roller skate..." he explains.

Some skaters play permitless on vacant parking lots, empty streets or tennis courts. Most public parks and recreation places have "no skating" signs posted, so there's a greater risk of getting kicked off.

In-line hockey is a relatively new sport, organizing nationally only a few years ago. Nonetheless, it is the sport-of-choice among 6- to 14-year-olds, outpacing even Little League, Jackson says.

There are currently in-line hockey leagues in every state, as well as Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

line hockey clinic March 19 at Cornell Elementary School through the Albany YMCA. He says that he's taught about three clinics so far, and that they have another six scheduled through the end of April.

"A lot of kids think they know it all, and they don't," he says. At the clinics the instructors quickly deal with egos and attitudes "so that the kids can have fun and learn something." The clinic will cover the basics of skating, shooting, passing, stick handling, and offensive and defensive strategy.

Required equipment are in-line skates, elbow pads, knee pads, a hockey stick, gloves or wrist guards, and a helmet (a bike helmet is okay).

At the clinic there will be opportunities to get involved in the formation of a local league. And for those who are interested in coaching, the National Youth Sports Coaching Association will be having a clinic of its own in the near future.

Jackson, who grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., and has been skating since he was 5, played ice hockey for the Cal Golden Bears for two years.

He now skates for the Jofa Blue Roller Hockey team in a San Francisco league, and as director of Seventh Wave Productions, promotes sports events of all kinds.

Part of the allure of in-line-hockey, for him, is that it's simply more accessible. "With ice hockey, it's expensive, and it's hard to get ice time," he said. After college, he had to drive to Belmont in order to play.

"One of great things about the (in-line) sport is that with very little investment, you can play. You don't have to be in a league, you can use a parking lot and have fun."

## Wrestling

Continued from page 11 who won 17 points for the last year's FAL meet. The beat the No. 1 seed, M. Luft, in the first match. Acalanes' Lin, the No. 4, good earlier in the year. said. "It was a very, very class (125 pounds) in league. Big wasn't even seeded in the league tournament, worked real hard all year.

'Every year there's someone who surprises you.'

—KERRIT B.

tough for him." Though the quintet of wrestlers won't be seeded in the Coast tournament, they are prepared for the much higher competition they'll face the end.

"We spend a lot of time about goals," Bankson explains. "A lot of our kids set goals just in the FAL tournament, for might be winning at the level. For still others, just getting second day of the NCS tournament is a fine accomplishment. The wrestling is to be prepared, more so than physically."

Now in his 25th year as a wrestling coach, he smiled and said, "Every year someone who surprises you."

## El Cerrito Boys' soccer

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turnover and missed free throw sealed their fate.

The Gauchos also dropped a toughie to a solid J.W. North team in the Berkeley Shootout 57-53 and fell in overtime to nationally-ranked St. Raymond's in the De La Salle tourney 83-72. Against St. Raymond's, El Cerrito committed 25 turnovers from the second quarter on after building a 26-14 lead.

Even great teams don't go undefeated, but they traditionally do win a big game. So far, this one hasn't.

Gaucha Coach Chris Huber might have been able to swallow the loss earlier in the year to a possessed Bishop O'Dowd team, but dropping one to St. Joseph is a harsh way to head into the post-season.

El Cerrito got an opportunity at redemption as they traveled to Alameda and played those same Pilots in the first round to the ACCAL's super Powerhouse playoffs on Tuesday. The championship game vs. O'Dowd is at Alameda High at 8 p.m. Saturday.

If El Cerrito scored revenge with a win, it would naturally discredit the notion that the Gauchos can't come through when their backs are to the wall.

The post-season fate of El Cerrito lies within the play of Raymond "Circus" King. Traditionally King is at his best in the clutch, as exhibited last season in the North Coast Division II playoffs when he almost single-handedly took his team to the Northern California playoffs.

In games against Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley, King was terrific, scoring 33 and 28 points respectively, including 10 three-pointers. Last Friday versus the Pilots, King had perhaps his best game of the season, scoring 21 points and dishing out 11 assists to go along with eight steals.

Jalil Abdul-Latif was solid against the Pilots as well, with 22 points. But is demonstrated by both the O'Dowd and St. Joe's games, the Gauchos must establish an inside game. Post players Davood Asgari and Marcel Davis have had their struggles, scoring a combined 21 points against the two league bullies.

A player to keep an eye out for is power forward Matt Johnson. Johnson is El Cerrito's best offensive rebounder and against St. Joe's had 1 rebound and two thunderous lunks.

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place in the ACCAL and an automatic North Coast berth. With an overall record of 8-4-7, El Cerrito was seeded 16th and drew as its first-round opponent Tuesday night top-

## Albany

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Success in the post season for Albany will be predicted on Sanger, the ACCAL's leading scorer at 23 points per game. No, Albany is not a one-man team, but if Sanger's on, bet on the Cougars to fare well.

Though it's tough to watch, Albany's greatest asset has been its spread offense. The slow-down or four-corners tactics have produced pleasant results, driving mad even some of the Bay Area's best teams.

Against rival St. Mary's, Kagawa employed the four-corners and won 58-45. Versus power St. Joseph, Albany trailed by just five late in third before falling by 15. In the second quarter of the St. Joe's game, Cougar guard Vincent Chooi literally held the ball near mid-court for five minutes.

Albany ran a variation of the four-corners against El Cerrito and played one of its best games of the year before losing 63-49. The Cougars trailed the Gauchos by just three at halftime and by eight in the fourth quarter.

"We play within our ability," said Kagawa of his squad. "Jon Sanger's our biggest guy (6-foot-3), but yet by spreading the court we can take advantage of Vincent Chooi's ball handling, passing, and one-on-one moves."

"We're getting everything out of everyone," he continued. "This is one of the best-executing teams I've had. They can run somewhat of a fast-

paced game, and they can run a spread offense like crazy."

Neither Sanger's success nor that of Chooi, a two-year starter, has been a surprise to anyone. But what has gotten Albany over the hump is the play of Andre Rabb-Patterson, one of the league's most improved players.

And Brandon Johnson has done a stable job inside (10 rebounds vs. St. Elizabeth) while guard Tony Leonard has played an integral part in running Albany's offense. Albany made the playoffs along with Alameda, Encinal and De Anza. The Cougars were scheduled to play Tuesday. If they won, this Saturday at 5 p.m. they'll

## EC Girls

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season by beating Piedmont 1-0 after they beat us 11-0 last year," Sackey explained. "It was a perfect start to the season. We won our first three games and knew then that we could play with any team in the league."

Another milestone was beating Albany 2-1 two weeks ago on goals from Katrina Vrooman and Okubo. "Albany beat us twice last year, and we were determined to be the better team this year," Sackey said.

Sackey understands the reality of playing a powerhouse like Carondelet, the team made famous in recent years by Tiffany Roberts, their 17-year-old U.S. national team player. "Our girls feel they have a good

chance against Carondelet without Tiffany Roberts," he said. "Realistically, it'll be a tough game. We just want the girls to have a good time and to enjoy the experience."

Win or lose, Sackey will have accomplished two main goals for 1995: to improve the team's record from last year (9-8-1 vs. 6-8-0, a three-game improvement), and to return to the North Coast playoffs.

The Gauchos are led by seniors Starkweather and Kelleen Nixon at forward, Camella Tan at midfield, and Jennifer Milligan at fullback. Katie Toro is the mainstay in goal and Ruth Abelson at outside fullback, both juniors. Sophomores Okubo at sweeper, Wen-Yee Choi at stopper and Vrooman at forward guarantee a bright future for the Gauchos.

sity and JV team. It was really nice this year to have so many kids."

Looking at El Cerrito's record, the seven ties translates to a team that knows how not to lose. Gonzales gives much of that credit to assistant coach Rusty Durochey, a 1970 Berkeley High player.

"Rusty has been a tremendous help. He's a great defensive coach and has helped make us a strong defensive team," Gonzales said.

In its league season, El Cerrito's three losses came at the hands of O'Dowd (3-2), Kennedy (3-2) and St. Joseph (2-0). The four ties were with No. 1 Piedmont (2-2), No. 2 Richmond (3-3), St. Mary's (1-1) and traditional rival Albany (1-1).

"This is a good group of kids. They've worked real hard this year," Gonzales said. "The seniors on the

team set a goal of getting to the Coast this year. I'm proud and happy for their accomplishment."

The Gauchos are led this year by halfback Warren Okubo (top assists), left wing Javier Castillo, keepers Trent Davalos and Benton, and fullbacks Lilhanand and Jeff Restel. Forward Joe Ursini, a junior, led the team in goal-scoring.

Recently named to the all-league team were Castillo, Davalos, Okubo. Brian Lilhanand and were named as honorable all-league players.

Other ACCAL teams as seeding who advance to the Coast playoffs are: Piedmont (Amador Valley (4), Richmond vs. Castro Valley (7), and El Cerrito (14) vs. Washington (Fremont).

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from sliding off its foundations and keep the structure intact too."

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## East Bay Events This Week



drummer Yagbe Ayanbi Onilu, left, performance artist Elizabeth Summers, and storytellers Marijo, Belinda Wilvan and Tureeda Mikell will all take part in 'Spreading the Word,' Sunday at the Oakland Museum.

## Spreading the Word, Passing Traditions

The Oakland Museum hosts "Spreading the Word, Passing the Traditions," a festival of stories, music and craft activities that explore the traditions of African-American culture. The program is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$4 (\$2 seniors/students, free to kids under 7). Call 238-3401 for details. The museum is at 1000 Oak St.

## Two from the Berkeley Symphony

**Benefit for Kobe.** Tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts Theater, **Kent Nagano** leads the **Berkeley Symphony Orchestra** in a benefit for the Kobe-Osaka Earthquake Relief Fund. Sharing the bill is the **S.F. Taiko Dojo Drummers**. The BSO plays Faure's suite from *Pelleas et Melisande*, Richard Strauss' *Last Songs*, Frank Martin's Violin Concerto (with former S.F. Symphony concertmaster **Stuart Canin**), and the final movement of Mahovsky's Symphony No. ("Pathétique"). Tickets are \$20 to \$30. (415) 392-4400 or (510) 762-BASS for tickets. The theater is at Bay Lyon streets in San Francisco.

**New music concert.** On Sunday the BSO presents "Under Construction II," featuring rehearsal and performance of new works by Bay Area composers—**Simon Andrews'** Piano Concerto, **Cindy Oh Neptune Inside Our Voice**, **Larry London's California** and **Martin Rokeach's Possible Worlds**. The free program is at 7 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

## Mozart's 'Jupiter' from Kensington

**Lloyd Elliott** leads the **Kensington Symphony Orchestra** in a program of Mozart's Symphony No. 41 ("Jupiter"), Stravinsky's *Sinfonia Suite*, Henry Cowell's *Brass Fanfare*, Kabalevsky's Violin Concerto will spotlight **Byung Jin Kang**, winner of the KSO's Young Artist Competition. The concert is at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors), at the door. Call 525-3323 if you need more details.

## Oakland East Bay Symphony in 'Porgy'

Tomorrow **Michael Morgan** leads the **Oakland East Bay Symphony** in a program of music from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* sung by soprano **Henrietta Davis-Blackmon**, tenor **Trent Morant**, baritone **Chester Patton** and the **UC-Berkeley Chorus**. Also on the program are Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and music by William Grant Still and Carl Ruggles. The concert is at 8 p.m. Friday at the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. Tickets are \$10 to \$30; call 465-6400.

## Civic Orchestra in Mozart, Schubert

**Eric Andrew Zappa** leads the **Oakland Civic Orchestra** in a program of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (with soloist **Laura Michael**), Schubert's Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished") and the overture to Rossini's *William Tell*. Also, **Kristin Turner Link** will lead the group in Mascagni's *Intermezzo Sinfonico*. The concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oakland Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, at Grand Avenue and Harrison Street. Admission is free. Call 461-7177 for more details.

## For the Berkeley City Club

Club docents lead tours of the Berkeley City Club from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. The building was designed by Julia Morgan. Tour fee is \$2 (kids under 12 free). Call 848-7800.

## Quilters to hear about textile design

At the next meeting of the **East Bay Heritage Quilters**, **Jennifer Pou**, head of the creative department at P&B Fabrics, discusses textile design from concept to finished product, at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Admission is \$5 for non-members. Call 527-7732 for more details.



Terry's ensemble Crosspulse performs a special kids' program at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Joining the ensemble of percussionists (which consists of (clockwise from left) Terry, Susu Pampanin, Leonard Graham, Edgardo Cambón and Jacqueline Rago) is Claudia Gomez. Admission is \$5 (children under 2 free). Call 525-5054 for more information.

More events

UC drama dept. reborn as Center for Theater Arts  
Margaret Wilkerson will direct a collaboration of various disciplines

By Matthew Surrence

Phoenix metaphors were flying through the air last week at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse.

The occasion was a press conference held to unveil the university's new Center for Theater Arts, which has risen from the ashes of the old, moribund department of dramatic arts. The latter had been done in by four years of budget cuts that halved the department's faculty and left the future of performance instruction and degrees at Berkeley uncertain.

The press conference also served as the public introduction of professor Margaret B. Wilkerson, who was appointed the center's first director.

In her prepared remarks, Wilkerson eloquently described theater as "a nexus for community . . . a point of intersection [that] brings together many disciplines . . . born of wonder and curiosity."

That description also embraced the new configuration of the theater center, which will replace the old department of dramatic arts. That was the recommended result of a study conducted by an 11-member task force made up of UC faculty, administrators and theater arts professionals.

## Saving the theater program

The task force had been formed to determine how to save the university's dramatic arts program, and the answer they came up with is an innovatively interdisciplinary approach: by involving other campus departments in the instruction and performance of theater and dance (the two main components of the arts program), the administrators

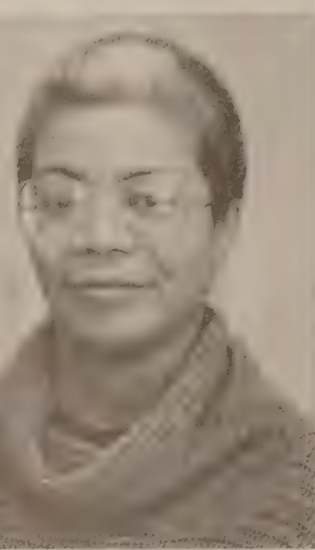
and faculty hope both to save money by sharing university resources, and to reinvigorate the curriculum by broadening it.

That broadening will come not just from the participation of other university disciplines, but also from the participation of the professional performing arts community.

"It's very important to see the new center not as preserving something that was dying, but as a rebirthing," Wilkerson said later in an interview. "This is not a salvage operation, where we're trying to patch something together."

"We're looking at this as a new venture. That is the spirit that the people who have been involved in this process have articulated. We are asking, 'What is theatre? What are its needs?' 'Is it important to the Berkeley campus, and if so, how do we revitalize it and give it the kind of structure it needs in order to thrive?'"

In addition to Wilkerson, the others at the press conference who addressed the assembled press, theater professionals, and UC-Berkeley students and faculty were Berkeley chancellor Chang-Lin Tien, former interim dramatic arts department chairman Don McQuade, vice chancellor and provost Carol Christ (who headed the task force), Berkeley Repertory Theatre's managing director Susan Medak, and Margaret Jenkins, whose San Francisco-based dance company spends six weeks each school year in residence at the university as part of a three-year collaboration between her company and the theater center's department of dance.



Margaret Wilkerson formerly headed Cal's African-American studies department.

As each of them spoke, they stood in front of the spare, angular set created for a student production of *The Crucible* opening Thursday.

(That Arthur Miller play is the next, and third, of the center's 12 student productions planned for the winter and spring.)

But the expansive Zellerbach stage, crowned with long, rough-hewn wood beams reaching out over the audience, also seemed to suggest the wide-open possibilities for the new department.

And as Wilkerson, Jenkins, Medak and the others discussed the collaborations that have already begun between the professional and academic theaters — such as Berkeley Rep's *Dragonwings* and *The Woman Warrior*, both of which premiered at Zellerbach—the steeply raked, sanded plank floor of the stage began to take on the appearance of a giant springboard, a symbolic launching pad for the new theater center.

In his introductory remarks, Tien said, "We recognize the unique place of theater arts in a liberal arts education and the central role that theater arts should play in the intellectual and expressive life of a campus such as Cal."

## Praising the budget crisis

Christ paid tribute, without irony, to the budget crisis that forced the university to "reconceptualize" the drama department, and also acknowledged the "teamwork . . . by students, staff and faculty, who showed extraordinary willingness to consider and eventually embrace very fundamental change in a spirit of

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## Berkeley Opera's 'Traviata': What's the point?

## The decline of a once-stellar little company is a mystery.

By Don McConnell

The Berkeley Opera opened its season last weekend with a production of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Despite some creative touches, it is not a production that I can in good faith recommend.

## Opera

Indeed, it showed that the company, once one of the small treasures of Berkeley, is floundering. Sitting in the audience in the Hillside Club Saturday night, I found myself thinking back to past Berkeley Opera productions like *La Rondine* (which has the same plot as *Traviata* without the tuberculosis) and *Barber of Seville*—really delightful presentations in nearly every way.

The comparison with the *Traviata* was depressing. The *Traviata* sets and costumes (by Kenneth Rowland and Dhyanis) were at the same standard (and in fact, the costumes were sumptuous and quite gorgeous). But musically and dramatically, this company has fallen on hard times.

It's not something I relish detailing—reviewers do not enjoy insulting well-intentioned artists, particularly when presented by a company held together by music-loving volunteers from the community. Yet nobody is served—least of all the members of the public who are being encouraged to pay \$25 a seat—by pretending that anything close to an adequate production is being offered.

The two male principals—Jorge Gomez as Alfredo and Lei-Ming He as Germont—have pleasant voices that are pressed way beyond their capacity by Verdi's demands. Neither was hard to listen to, but their arias and ensembles ask for much more.

The Violetta of Susan Alexander was a different case. She possesses a voice that could fill a hall 20 times the size of the Hillside Club, and she has the techniques and style of a prima donna. But the sound is not pleasant at anything louder than half-voice. As a

strange result, because the role traces the decline in health of the heroine, Alexander became more appealing as her character got sicker. The act III farewell was affecting and occasionally lovely. On the other hand, the act I singing was hard to bear—the bursts on the word "Gloire" in "Sempere Libera" were shocking.

If it were only a matter of the right principals, I'd have more hope for the company. (Actually, half the Alfredos are being sung by Richard Walker, a fine tenor—and the one who sang in the fondly remembered *Rondine*.) But the level of orchestral playing and the choral singing were below any that I've heard from adults in the Bay Area.

I count the company's insistence on performing in the Hillside Club as symptomatic. It's an exquisite little Bernard Maybeck building, located in a neighbor-

hood that seems safe even late at night. (Often the most exciting part of night performances by the S.F. Opera is walking back to your car.)

But as a venue for opera, it could not be worse. Sit in the front row and the volume is above the threshold of pain (very few opera singers are willing to scale back). Sit in the back row, and the sound has the tubby deadness of cylinders recorded in the 1920s.

Why standards have deteriorated so dramatically is a mystery. The decline began with the switch of artistic direction from Richard Goodman to Jonathan Khuner. Yet Khuner works on the musical staff of the S.F. Opera, and his reputation makes it hard to believe he is happy with these performances.

If this were the Elko Opera, I'd judge the company differ-

ently. But Berkeley has an orchestra that is completely professional. It has choruses (the Pacific Mozart Ensemble comes to mind) as good as any anywhere.

I get the sense that its opera company is an enterprise where personal visions are being pursued—"let's use that charming Maybeck building, and serve dinner beforehand" or "let's mount an intimate production of this masterpiece."

The charm of the visions may be obscuring objective judgments of the results.

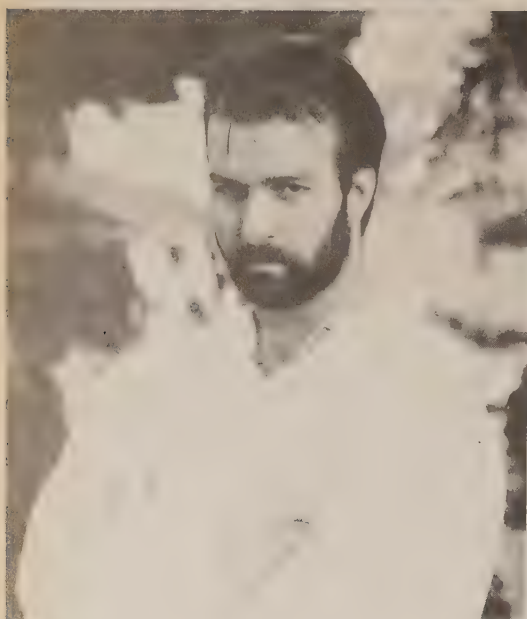
*La Traviata* plays at 7:30 p.m. tonight, at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 students and children). Dinner is available at 6:15 p.m. Saturday for \$25 more. Call 841-1903 for reservations.



Germont (Lei-Ming He) tells Violetta (Susan Alexander) she must end her affair with his son.



## East Bay Events continued



Cal Grant plays John Proctor in 'The Crucible.'

## UC presents Miller's 'The Crucible'

The UC-Berkeley Center for Theater Arts presents Arthur Miller's searing drama about the Salem witchcraft trials, *The Crucible*. It opens tonight and plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays this week and next. Tickets are \$8 (\$4 seniors/students). Call 642-9988 for reservations.

## Aurora presents Murphy's Bailegangaire'

"Bailegangaire is Tom Murphy's play about the struggle between the old, peasant, Catholic Ireland and a newer industrialized society. It's also about ancient stories told and retold, but never really concluded." Sean Evers directs a production featuring **Barbara Oliver, Joan Mankin and Charla Cabot**. The production opened earlier this month and plays at 8 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through March 5, at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$13 to \$18. Call 843-4822.

## MusicSources presents Alfred Peet

**Alfred Peet** came to Berkeley in the 1960s from Holland and revolutionized the East Bay coffee scene. On Sunday at 5 p.m. he will recount his life with coffee over the past 30 years, accompanied by samplings of his coffee and the Coffee Cantata. The event is at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 seniors/students); call 528-1685 for reservations.

## Find out (and try out) what engineers do

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## Two at the Maybeck

At 8 p.m. Saturday, singer-pianist **Bob Dorough** brings his combination of dry patter and blues-based pianism to the Maybeck Recital Hall for his only area appearance. Admission is \$25.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. pianist **Katrina Krinsky** (who plays her own music and classical compositions) is joined by classical flutist **Lisa Hansen** (known for recordings of Spanish and Latin American music), and violinist **Barbara Higbie** (a Windham Hill artist). Admission is \$20.

The Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3228 for reservations, which are required in this exquisite but tiny venue.

## Free handbell concert Sunday

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## UC drama

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working together . . . that never disintegrated into a lot of squabbling and wringing of hands."

Fittingly for a new theater arts program that will augment its core faculty with those from other disciplines, its new director comes from another department. Wilkerson is formerly the chair of the university's department of African-American studies, serving in that capacity from 1988 to last year.

But she is no stranger to the world of drama: Wilkerson, who received both her M.A. and Ph.D. in dramatic art at Berkeley, is the founder of the UC-Berkeley Black Theatre Workshop, as well as the editor of the anthology, *Nine Plays by Black Women*.

She is also writing a biography of playwright Lorraine Hansberry, which will be completed at the end of the summer; the book will be published by Little, Brown next year.

## No new students admitted

During a question-and-answer period, Wilkerson acknowledged that both the graduate and under-

graduate degree programs are being revised, and that currently, new admissions to both degree programs have been suspended until the revisions have been made.

She did note that transfer students and those already admitted to the university will still be able to complete their degrees, but she estimated a minimum of 1 1/2 to two years would be needed to redesign the graduate program to fit the new interdisciplinary profile.

Redesigning the undergraduate program would take much less time, Wilkerson said.

The department's current core faculty—between five and eight people, depending on leaves and sabbaticals—will remain, while many other instructors and professors from other academic disciplines would "affiliate" with the department.

"You need a 'center' structure to be able to tap into affiliate faculty on the campus," Wilkerson explained. "It's much more difficult to do that within a department."

Additionally, the center will have an advisory committee composed of people on the affiliate and core faculty.

## 'Strawberry': comic, touching, human

A rigid young socialist sets out to expose a gay man in 1979 Cuba, with unexpected results.

By Renata Polit

"You're so beautiful — the only problem is you're not gay," says Diego (Jorge Perugorria) to David (Vladimir Cruz).

"Nobody's perfect," David replies, echoing the famous last line of *Some Like It Hot*.

## Movies

David may not be "perfect," for Diego's purposes, but *Strawberry and Chocolate*, a Cuban film by Tomas Gutierrez Alea (*Memories of Underdevelopment*, *Death of a Bureaucrat*) and Juan Carlos Tabio, comes pretty close. The official Cuban selection for the 1994 Academy awards, the film is comic and touching and very human.

Set in 1979 Havana, *Strawberry and Chocolate* exposes the absurd rigidity of the Communist system and those who adhere to it. The fact that it got made in Cuba (in a co-production with Mexico) says a lot about the loosening of Communism's hold in that country.

David, student of political science, member of the Communist League, heterosexual and in all ways straight-arrow dialectical materialist Cuban citizen, meets Diego after David has been dumped by his girlfriend Vivian. Diego is everything David isn't: swishily gay, a religious believer, an artist. Diego is strawberry; David is chocolate.

Diego lures David to his apartment with the promise of some photographs of David in a university production of *A Doll's House*, in which David played Torvald. In Diego's fancifully decorated, art-filled apartment in a beautiful, dilapidated building, David is as edgy as a chicken in front of a fox.

Wooing the handsome David with Maria Callas records and Indian tea served in French tea cups, Diego can't believe the younger man could resist, but David is obdurate, though intrigued.

Back in his dorm, David tells roommate Miguel about the "fag" he's met, and they plot to entrap the "dangerous" Diego in anti-government activities. With that as motive, David returns to visit the man he has so little in common with.

David's relationship with Diego provides him with an education: in art and architecture, poetry and music, food and drink, even sex (David's variety). Diego wonders why David studies political science when he's really interested in literature (he thinks he owes it to his country).

Above all, David learns tolerance. Unable to figure out the "reason" why Diego is the way he is, David slowly comes to accept that the gay man, too, is "part of this country, like it or not," as

"Selecting the committee members, in consultation with others, is the top thing on my list of priorities," Wilkerson said.

Rather than lobbying for the position of director, Wilkerson said it had been, in a Shakespearean phrase, "thrust upon her."

She had been approached last year to take the position but begged off at the time, needing a scheduled fall sabbatical to "move the [Hansberry] book along." With the biography now near completion, she finally agreed to serve as director.

Although no figures were yet available for the center's upcoming budget, which Wilkerson said was currently being hammered out, it's expected to be in place in April or May.

She hopes it will remain close to the last budget of the department of dramatic art, which was in the mid-six-figure range.

"The campus has really endorsed the center right up and down the line," Wilkerson said. "There are always struggles around the budget, but we're hoping to hold our own despite the kinds of cuts that seem to be coming down the pike."



Diego points out.

Jorge Perugorria plays a socialistically incorrect the Cuban film 'Strawberry and Chocolate.'

The fact that life isn't always so ideal in this best-of-all-possible socialist worlds is illustrated by the situation of Diego's neighbor and friend Nancy (Mirta Ibarra), the building's official "vigilance woman," whose job it is to spy on the other tenants. In actuality, Nancy provides them with sympathy and black market goods—when she's not feeling suicidal. And she provides a good deal more for David.

Incidentally, you don't have to be gay to admire the gorgeous men in *Strawberry and Chocolate*. The settings—the film was shot in Cuba, Mexico, and Spain—are lovely too, if you can get your eyes off the men.

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# Laurie Anderson: an icon for the times

Laurie Anderson in 'The Nerve Bible,' Zellerbach Hall, UC-Berkeley, Feb. 15-17.

Ariel Parkinson

Laurie Anderson is an icon for the times. At once intimate and distant, she is Madonna with conceptual intelligence, Michael Jackson with a soul. You don't see her flash tits, ass and pelvic thrusts to be intimate; Anderson is searching and sharing of her on our behalf is frank, full and convincing. She is alone, like us, in a world of warning signs, blinking lights, rushing cars—playing against the deep textures of theatrical—or interstellar space.

The initial image is smoke, rays, electronic noise, and a lion girder, rivets and all, extends across downstage. The large screens slide in to mid-stage in a horizontal line. They accept the incessant flow of light and video image—just one, smoke on two panels burning book on the third—appear and disappear to alter basic composition of the

At one point a sphere and cube fly in, and a second girder with uprights, like a take on Stonehenge. The setting is simple and basic; so is the slight, indomitable figure in black that alters, that is, "controls" the huge noise with hand signals. The hand, relative to its ambience seems diminutive and its gestures small, like Hitler's at Berchtesgaden. Against the crushing, insistent

## Performance art

onslaught of mechanical fragments from our daily lives, the figure holds its own.

"Is time long, or is it wide? Are things getting better, or are they getting worse?"

"History is an Angel blown backward toward the future."

"CNN's record of the Persian Gulf War made it a combination of Grand Opera and the Super Bowl."

"There is no pure land now, no safe place."

In a series of deceptively personal anecdotes, Anderson builds

an image of this country and this planet, now, and what it does to us. At the end of the first section, with the fancy lights and noise turned off, she tells us her method in the piece. Like the fellow trekker in Tibet who talked to her for three days—about frozen yak turds, about the stars—to keep her from coma, she is pulling us back into consciousness by a human voice describing things as they are. She does not draw the parallel; we do.

She establishes mainstream America by recounting the American Embassy's list of Don'ts, for staying off attack by terrorists. No baseball caps. No chewing gum. No personal messages ("Ethel, our plane is waiting") bellowed over the heads of other travelers... See Jeffers with his "America settling in the mold of its vulgarity—"

She summons the Persian Gulf episode into sharp focus with the hideous irony of the floating tracer trails "like fireflies on a summer night" and George Bush's term "euphoria" as symbol of, response to a war that left

hundreds of thousands of Iraqis dead and dying. "Euphoria," "euphoria," that greco-latin property of English professors and psychotherapists suddenly became as common as "ham" or "e-mail." Anderson gives us shaped images, visual and auditory. Drawing the conclusion, perceiving the irony is up to us.

The second section of *Nerve Bible* is more inner and emotional. She sings or sing-speaks. What comes across is not narrative but tone: fear bracketed in courage, pain in joy, futility in urgency—and the indomitable presence and persistence. Anderson is composer as well as performer. The intensity and compelling beauty never flag.

She sets up resonances. Like another cosmic protagonist, Satan, she plays the violin. She plays it while light rays, shadow, clocks, gradations of revolving doors, disembodied mouths, eyes ears, "violated" parking meters, chattering dentures, video snow—hurl and tumble about the stage. Why is her absorbed, sawing figure so effective? She is not



Laurie Anderson

diabolical. The world is disaboli-cal. Perhaps she must "for God's sake" do something, like holding up a cross to a vampire. As long as she keeps playing—the electronically altered sound is urgent, agonizing—she exists.

Anderson is writer, director, and controlling imagination of her work. She is a craftsman ("In 1986 I threw away most of my old work and began to read manuals"). Supporting her presence on the stage, 29 other gifted, hard-working people are integral parts of the production: Kondek,

**What comes across is not narrative but tone: fear bracketed in courage, pain in joy, futility in urgency.**

co-designer of visuals; Chybowski, lighting designer; Danar, house mixer for sound; Rubin, video systems designer; Ballard, laser designer; Meyer, system engineers; Bielecki, electronics designer....

In the last image a flat triangular searingly luminous plane of green laser light streams out over the audience from a point just upstage of the violin player. Her body stops the light, and long black rays of shadow weave and mingle along the triangular plane as her torso sways and her fingers press the strings. Even her fingers dent and shape the light. Black shadow consumes her and extends her. She is powerful against the light.

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RENO - If you haven't been to "The Biggest Little City in the World" for some time, then you are in for a few surprises. The President's Day weekend has filled hotel rooms to capacity and the threatening weather of previous weeks has lifted for now. The air is filled with excitement as the impressive new National Bowling Stadium hosts the American Bowling Congress' 1995 Championship Tournament.

With over 90,000 bowlers registered for the six-month tournament, the town has gotten into the spirit. Sitting atop the stadium is an 80-foot diameter "bowling ball" that will soon house a theater that will showcase a film about the Reno-Tahoe area. The \$45 million project is complete with 80 lanes that operate 20 hours a day. Spectators can view the professional bowlers from a grandstand seating area as well as an additional area that accommodates 1,100.

Ruby's, a 40's style diner located in the stadium, serves American cuisine from 6:30 a.m. to midnight. The restaurant can be viewed from the street and tempts patrons with its slick decor, burgers and shakes.

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Caught up with entertainer Danny Marona here. Bay Area fans have never lost touch with the talents of Marona who's local roots can be traced back to Jack London Square.

Appearing in the lounge at the Eldorado Hotel in Reno, Marona continues to give audiences his best. Whether he is singing, telling jokes and stories or playing the piano, the affection from his audiences never seems to diminish.

Having witnessed numerous Marona performances over the years, it appears that some mellowing has taken place, adding dimension to the show — wisdom, confidence and ease. His appeal never seems to falter. One couple remarked that they had been in Reno for two days and had seen both of his shows each day.

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Over at the Reno Hilton, the new Aspen Lounge was being inaugurated with original sounds of the 70's. The Classic Rock All-Stars brought down the house with a trip down memory lane.

Spencer Davis, Peter Rivera, Jerry Corbetta and Mike Pinera are the Classic Rock All-Stars. If the individual names don't ring a bell, the songs and bands they were a part of should.

Spencer Davis was the founder, guitarist and vocalist of the Spencer Davis group. "Gimme Some Lovin'" and "I'm a Man" are just a hint at the Top 10 hits linked to him.

Mike Pinera was the former lead singer and guitarist for Iron Butterfly and the Blues Image. Does "Ride Captain Ride" and "In A Gadda Da Vida" hit home?

Peter Rivera was the former lead singer and drummer for Rare Earth. This band recorded 17 albums and had such Top Ten hits that included "Get Ready," "I Just Want to Celebrate," "I'm Losing You" and "Born to Wander." Rivera's vocals and drums are hot and inspiring.

Jerry Corbetta was the founder, lead singer and keyboardist for Sugarloaf. "Green Eyed Lady" and "Don't Call Us, We'll Call You" are reminders of Corbetta's days. Incidentally, Corbetta's inspiration for "Green Eyed Lady," Cathy Peacock, was in the audience, prompting the talented artist to stroll through the crowd and play directly to her.

This talented group of musicians is proud to continue to attract a new-found following as they revive the hits from their original beginnings.

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**WEEKEND SCENE:** The Bar-kays at Kimball's East...Benny Valade Super Combo Friday and Orquesta Peru Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Katrina Krinsky with Lisa Hansen and Barbara Higbie Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall... Steven Huestad Group Friday and Delta Wires Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Resort...The Move in the Ducks & Co. Lounge at the Ramada Hotel... West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

Cachao y su Orquesta at Yoshi's NiteSpot... Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Shambala Friday and Dallis Craft Band Saturday at the Baltic...Dynatoners Friday in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton.

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**COMEDY SCENE:** Rohdell Sheridan and Carlos Alazraqui at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Bill Engvall and Robert Hawkins at Tommy T's San Ramon... SAN FRANCISCO: Louis C.K. and Gene Poma at the Punch Line... Rick Overton and Diane Amos at Cobb's Comedy Club.





■ MARTIN SNAPP

**Our Sacred Honor:** Well, Monday was Presidents' Day, but who cares?

Not me. I ask you: What kind of holiday is this? A generic hybrid of Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday that falls somewhere between the two, just so we can have a three-day weekend.

Mind you, I have nothing against three-day weekends. But why throw out our greatest Americans just to get one?

Back when I was a kid, Lincoln's birthday was celebrated on his actual birthday. Ditto for Washington. And everyone made a big deal about it, too.

Remember those school assemblies? On Lincoln's birthday, somebody would recite the Gettysburg address and the second inaugural address and his letter to Mrs. Bixby, a widow who lost all five of her sons in the Civil War.

On Washington's birthday there would be a tableau of Valley Forge and a recitation of his farewell address. And somebody would quote Lightfoot Harry Lee's famous tribute: "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

A bit naive, perhaps. But it was better than nothing. Nowadays, the only thing kids learn about Washington was that he had wooden teeth. (Which, by the way, isn't true. They were actually made from hippopotamus tusks.)

I can't help thinking that something very valuable is being lost. We — and, especially, our children — are living in a society that's losing its historic roots. We're throwing away the very role models we need to help us combat today's problems.

That includes Washington, the only conqueror in history who ever gave up power voluntarily. He did it because he wanted his country to be a democracy, not a dictatorship.

In fact, when he found out that some of his officers were plotting to set up him up as a military dictator, Washington quickly put the kibosh on the scheme. When informed of this, Britain's King George III gasped, "Why, he must be the greatest man in the world!"

By giving up power, Washington gained something better: moral authority. When he died in 1799, even his former enemies mourned. Every ship in the British fleet fired a 21-gun salute in his honor. He had become, as Benjamin Franklin described him, "the friend of mankind."

The same with Lincoln. His assassination in 1865 provoked widespread mourning in many parts of the South, because they knew he really meant it when he said he would welcome them back into the Union "with malice toward none, with charity for all." After the war, Robert E. Lee said many times that he had surrendered "as much to Lincoln's goodness as to Grant's artillery."

Such men are worth remembering for more than just being an excuse for another sale at Macy's. And they deserve their own day.

Unfortunately, the trend is running in the opposite direction. At the rate we're going, Christmas will soon be celebrated on the last Monday in December and Independence Day will be celebrated on the first Monday in July.

We may be throwing away our history like yesterday's garbage, but there's still one group of Americans that hasn't forgotten. They're the newest Americans, the ones who are applying for U.S. citizenship.

Before they can get accepted, they have to take a long test on American history and institutions. The next exam will be given on March 25, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service has supplied me of typical questions.

I wonder: How well would the rest of us — we who take our citizenship for granted — do? Here, try your luck:

1. What do the stars on the flag mean?
2. What do the stripes mean?
3. What is the most important right in the Constitution?
4. How many amendments are there to the Constitution?
5. Who elects the President of the United States?
6. What are the three branches of our government?
7. Why are there 100 senators in the Senate?
8. For how long do we elect each senator?
9. Who is the governor of your state?
10. Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
11. Who selects the Supreme Court justices?
12. Can you name the original 13 states?
13. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"?
14. What countries were our enemies during World War II?
15. What was the name of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America?
16. Who helped the Pilgrims in America?
17. Who is commander-in-chief of our armed forces?
18. Who has the power to declare war?
19. Who is next in line for the presidency if anything happens to the president and vice-president?
20. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence?
21. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
22. Who wrote the Star-Spangled banner?
23. According to the Constitution, what are the three prerequisites a person has to fulfill to be eligible for the presidency?
24. What rights are guaranteed by the First Amendment?
25. What kind of government does the United States have?

#### Answers:

1. One for each state in the Union.
2. One for each of the original 13 states.
3. The right to vote.
4. Twenty-six.
5. The Electoral College.
6. Legislative, executive, judicial.
7. There are two from each state.
8. Six years.
9. Pete Wilson.
10. William Rehnquist.
11. The president nominates them, subject to confirmation by the Senate.
12. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, and Maryland.
13. Patrick Henry.
14. Germany, Italy, and Japan.
15. The Mayflower.
16. The Indians (Native Americans).
17. The President.
18. Congress.
19. The Speaker of the House. (Yes, that means Newt!)
20. That all men (and women) are created equal.
21. Thomas Jefferson.
22. Francis Scott Key.
23. Must be a natural-born citizen, must be at least 35 years old, and must have lived in this country for at least 14 years.
24. Freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly, and to request a change of government.
25. A republic.

Did you get them all right? Your grandparents did, when they came over from the old country. They were proud of this country's heritage. And they'd be ashamed at how much we've forgotten.

As I said, the next citizenship exam will take place March 25. It'll be administered by the Oakland School District. There's a fee to take the test: \$22 if you register before Feb. 28, \$26 if you register after that date. Call 836-3131 for more information.

God bless America.

## Villa

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the booking facility. The current list of 24 violations of law and of the use permit covering a period from last April to mid-February include numerous arrests for burglary, prostitution and drug use, possession and dealing.

On Nov. 11 the Berkeley Police

served a search warrant at a Villa Motel room, arrested a drug dealer and confiscated rock cocaine, drug paraphernalia and cash found on the premises.

Part of the motel property is in Berkeley near the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Gilman Street. On nine occasions since Dec. 2,

Albany police have used phony identification to register for a motel room, an infraction of permit requirements.

Building inspections since September have revealed many instances of sleazy building and grounds upkeep and maintenance including inoperable bathroom fans,

room heaters, light bulbs and garbage on the premises. Audits made by C. Kim Denton since shown fraudulent financing, failure to pay other indications of record-keeping by management.

## Cafe

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away, while the children play in close view at the small tables.

Laden with legos, crawling with crayons, positively porcine with play dough, the children's small playground in Cafe Crayon is sure amusement for small children while their parents relax with a cup of java.

New to the café beat, four-year-old Elana Wexler felt comfortable enough to take off her shoes within minutes of sitting at the drawing table. Deep in concentration over her art work Wexler offered her terse opinion on Cafe Crayon, "I like it here," she said. "Can I have some more popcorn?"

Elana's mother, Heidi Nyprress-Wexler, was also pleased with the café. "This is really a great idea," she said. "So often children are less than welcome in public places because they tend to get restless. Here,

there's a great release for all that energy. And while the kids are over there releasing their energy, the parents are over here, storing some up. More coffee?"

McManus realizes he has a unique establishment on his hands, which was part of the original impetus to start Cafe Crayon. "I have never seen anything quite like what we have here," he said. "I really think it's something special."

And he's not alone. Not many people have seen a coffeehouse as unique as Cafe Crayon. There's the Discovery Museum in Sausalito, which offers children's entertainment on a much grander scale, while parents are able to sit down and relax.

"But," said Shannon, "You have to pay so much money to get in and then to eat is another expense altogether. Going there is more of an event like for birthdays."

Cafe Crayon is a neighborhood café; casual and laid-back enough to visit daily. The menu is simple and rather plain, although kids will be pleased with the hot dogs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Adult munchables include salads, bagels, sandwiches and soup, although big eaters might find it difficult to fill up on portions that tend to be a tad scant.

The best value on the menu is definitely the popcorn which at only 50¢ received a thumbs up from the young café critic, Elana Wexler.

Shannon and Ed McMannus share the duties of owning and running the business. Shannon has previous experience with The Pub, a successful Berkeley restaurant, while Ed took off from work for two months to devote his construction skills to the café.

"I begged, borrowed and stole every favor my friends in construc-

tion ever owed me."

This place got built. The McMannus kids, 6, and Chris, 4, with the opening of the however, were able to part — test ride all the the play area.

But Cafe Crayon is for children only. A percent senior discount, less, erudite espresso easily concentrate on word puzzles in the room, if they are not the infant café coming through.

Ed is even considering the business to accommodate to nearby Albany High School.

Cafe Crayon also hold a few entertainments including a children's and storytelling with

## Recycling

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recycling crew members into a newly-devised lead worker position. Since two current crew members applied for the job, both were accepted on a rotating basis. Each will function as lead worker for eight weeks at a time; it was Dowdakin's responsibility to set up the criteria for the job. The new system started up this week.

The hardest transition for Dowdakin has been the public nature of her job, which was formerly behind-the-scenes.

She works with citizen groups, such as the Integrated Waste Management task force, other agencies, like the garbage company, and other members of the city's administration.

"Now I'm expected to speak on management issues (at weekly staff meetings)," she said. "That's a little different."

Community education and liaison work with the larger region are also among her responsibilities.

From Dowdakin's perspective, the future of El Cerrito's recycling

program — still a leader in the variety of materials that pass through it — looks pretty good.

As far as specific issues are concerned, Dowdakin looks forward to working on the future of green waste recycling.

"Personally, I enjoy composting at home," she said. "I would like to see it decentralized rather than having a huge pickup of green waste that ends up in a giant central facility."

"I think it's best to keep (composting) on a small level and

enjoy all its benefits. I'm going to have to combine of both. That's the task force really has with — and me too."

"The markets are right now; in fact, the," she said. "I'm staying that way for a long time."

In addition, said Dowdakin, a real encouragement is not on her own in her area.

"The whole staff here is great," she said. "I can really enjoy

## Training

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of that learning, he said, will be incorporated practically in El Cerrito by fire chief Steve Cutright, police chief Dan Givens, and community development manager Pat O'Keeffe.

"My function there was pretty specific," said O'Keeffe. "I was there to learn what I can do as (the assigned) public information officer ... and what I can expect in a disaster when I'm in that role."

The purpose of the public information officer is to try to provide the press with the overall picture of what's going on in El Cerrito, assuming that members of the press will be gathering immediate information on individual incidents

around the city.

O'Keeffe came back with several ideas.

He and the staff have already put together an operations kit for his use or use by any acting p.i.o. It includes a binder with lists of procedures and maps, an AM radio and other items.

In discussions with engineering and maintenance supervisor Mori Struve and building official Steve Mitchell, the three have determined that the city's radio capacity should be beefed up for emergency readiness.

"We don't want to rely on cellular phones, and we want to tie in better with police and fire," he said.

O'Keeffe also came home with

several ideas concerning how to best set up the room and equipment needed to receive the press at the Emergency Operations Center ("one of the numerous functions of that setup") and is thinking about how backup locations will be best equipped.

"Because El Cerrito had its top management people there, they put us in the top slots (for the practical run-through exercises)," said administrative services manager, Jim Randall, whose own job is "logistics."

"We had identified our roles before the session. It then provided us with a practical exercise utilizing those roles."

At least 50 people were involved

in the training, said Randall. Pokorney emphasized the new system is not a new system from the past; currently staff members who are training are helping others understand the "statements that will be incorporated into our routine."

Practical training exercises those attending the session are helpful, he said.

"You're periodically think through your process to remember what needs and who has what responsibilities."

"It helps you to be stand what is needed when something happens."

## Celtic music featured at Hausmusik's fourth concert of the season

Hausmusik presents its fourth concert of the season on Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (near Solano and Santa Fe), in Albany.

Featuring the group Distant Oaks, the concert will present Celtic music from the old and new lands. The theme of the program, Three

Streams, flows from the repertoires of the three streams of traditional Celtic music — singing, fiddling, and piping.

The program will feature predominantly Scottish and Irish songs, fiddle tunes, and pipe tunes, almost exclusively of anonymous origin, yet rooted in antiquity and firmly established in the working reper-

toire of professional singers and players. The subject matter of the songs encompasses a wide scope of Scottish and Irish life — drawn from love, play, desire, battle, and encounters with the fairy folk.

Fiddling, most often associated with dancing, is here represented by a fine assortment of tunes, harkening back to the timelessness of

the Isles, as well as some more recent traditions in the New World.

The skill of the pipe which speaks to the Celt and conjures up the gotten glens, friendly trawls, hope and defeat, and gained — will be an array of traditional

## Church Notes

By Dawn Frasier

Christ Lutheran Church will open a Community Family Center, offering a variety of important programs to the community. An afternoon of workshops and information sharing on some important issues facing today's family is the center's kickoff event, scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 25, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Three workshops are planned for the afternoon of "Celebrating Family."

"Violence in Our Community: How Do We Prevent It?" will be presented by Andres Soto, program manager for the Contra Costa County Health Services Prevention Program.

"Finding the Energy to Be an Effective Parent" will be led by Pastor Sharon Lubkeman, M.S.W.

"Stretching Dollars When There's Little to Stretch," will be facilitated by Mary Ann Sheets, C.F.P.

Residents are invited to come and discuss these subjects with a

panel of professionals. There's a special program for children, as well: "Having Fun With the Family."

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served. There is no charge for the afternoon.

Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., El Cerrito, begins its special series of midweek Lenten services Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

February 26 is Transfiguration Sunday; Pastor Vern Olson will speak on the topic, "Intimate with God," at both the contemporary 8:30 a.m. worship service and the traditional 10:30 a.m. service. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at both.

Classes for children and adults begin at 9:30 a.m. The adult class is studying "The Foolishness of God" by Paul G. Bretscher.

In celebration of Mardi Gras, a Dixieland jazz worship is planned for Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, this Sunday, Feb. 26. The Rev. Carol Wickersham will be preaching on Luke 13:10-21, "Soon

and Very Soon." The 11 a.m. worship service will be followed by a jambalaya feast to benefit the Northminster music fund.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$15 for two, \$4 for children, free under age three.

Christian education classes begin for children and adults at 10 a.m.

"African American History Day" will be celebrated this Sunday at Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. The worship service will begin at 10 a.m. and will not include a sermon. The Rev. Christina Hutchins Jeleko will officiate.

Classes for children and adults begin at 9 a.m. Childcare during the worship service is provided for children ages five and under.

M.O.P.S., Mothers of Preschool Children, will hold a family picnic in the church play yard at the Evangelical Free Church, 7200 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito. M.O.P.S. meets each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 9:20 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., with nursery care for infants

and guided activities for schoolers. Call Judi C. 223-1277 or Marcie H. 799-1678 for current information. All mothers of preschoolers are invited.

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by a School at 11:15 a.m. is leading a class for the Letter to the Philippians. Pastor John Aiken will center on "Lives of the Holy Spirit" through the testimony of the Holy Spirit.

Communion will be this Sunday, Feb. 26.

Bible Study Time begins at 7 p.m. each week.

"Forget Who You Question posed by the Barnes in this Sunday's service at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Kensington. The Special series begins at 11:30 a.m. week, thoughts will be the GRIP homeless shelter in which the church is this winter.



## Realtor Profile

Name: Anita Thede

Title: Realtor, Owner and Broker  
Northbrae Properties in North Berkeley

Background: Thede has been in real estate since 1977 and has been a broker since 1985. She specializes in residential sales in Berkeley, Albany, Kensington, El Cerrito, Piedmont, Oakland and Alameda, and has many long-term, loyal clients. As the owner of Northbrae Properties, she is the broker for seven agents in addition to closing 25 to 30 transactions annually on her own.

Education: Thede received a B.A. from Santa Clara University, majoring in Sociology with a minor in Psychology. She received the Distinguished Medal for academic performance. She pursued graduate work at UC-Berkeley in Criminology and at St. Mary's College in California. She obtained California State Teacher's Certification at the adult, secondary and elementary levels. She has pursued her real estate studies consistently through seminars, forums and special classes.



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**Achievements:** Thede has been a consistent top producer over the years. She was voted Realtor of the Year by the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR) for 1994. She has enjoyed a long history of service in the real estate community, including serving as BAR President, Secretary/Treasurer of the Multiple Listing Service, State Director with the California Association of Real Estate, Chair of

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## Exploring East Bay's historical heritage

### Realtor imparts wisdom in books and seminars

By Dennis Evanovsky

"Once upon a time," the storybook begins. With these same words Mark Wilson might open his seminar, "Selling a Piece of History." And, just as the storyteller guides the reader through the fabric of the tale, so Wilson guides his students through a visual history of architecture in the East Bay.

Wilson holds a master's degree in architecture from Cal State Hayward. He is the author of *A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay*, and a Realtor with Mason-McDuffie. He has been teaching architectural courses for 20 years.

"My aim is to help my students recognize the major styles of historic architecture found in the surrounding area," says Wilson. "I hope the students will walk away with an increased awareness and appreciation of the architectural styles and movements they encounter daily."

In the first part of the six-hour seminar sponsored by Fidelity National Title held recently at the Oakland Association of Realtors,



Jeff Lindquist — STAFF

Mark Wilson recently presented his seminar on "Selling a Piece of History" to local Realtors.

Wilson gave an informative overview of architectural styles and movements.

Using a style-guide handout and color slides, Wilson entertained and educated his fellow Realtors. He began with 1850 Benicia and its Greek Revival Old State Capitol Building, and ended with 1931 downtown Oakland

with its Paramount Theater — the "zenith" of the Art Deco movement of the Early Modern Era.

Then Wilson discussed the sources available to his listeners wishing to research a property they think has historic significance. "The best overall source of records in Alameda County is the County Hall of Records," said Wilson.

"The East Bay also has impressive library collections on architectural history." He named the Oakland History Room at the Oakland Public Library's Main Branch, and the Bancroft Library on the UC-Berkeley campus as sources for both material and photographs.

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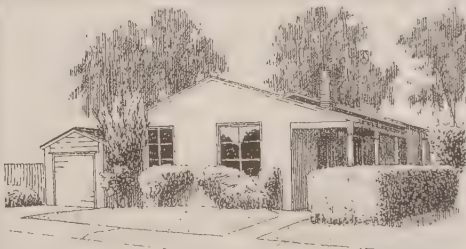
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# Heritage

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Wilson also discussed the many historic societies and preservation groups in the East Bay. "All these keep some kind of historic records on buildings in their communities, and many conduct extensive architectural surveys of the neighborhoods they serve."

Once evidence is uncovered, the question arises as to its acceptability. For example, there may be a hint that a noted architect may have designed a house. The best evidence of the architect's involvement would be a good clear copy of the blueprints.

Blueprints often contain the names and signatures of the architect, the builder, and the contractor. Lacking blueprints, investigators would turn to the building

## 'My aim is to help students recognize the major styles of historic architecture...'

—MARK WILSON

permit or the architect's correspondence referring to the specific property.

Finally, he suggested methods for applying the information uncovered during the research. He discussed effective market strategies for the Realtors with examples of accurately and inaccurately described historic listings.

For anyone interested in architecture and history, Wilson's course adds a special excitement to living in the Bay Area.

Wilson plans three more offerings of his course in the near future, March 6 at the Mason McDuffie office in Orinda, March 31 at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, and April 22 in San Francisco.

He also teaches a six-week version of the course at the Piedmont Adult School. The next offering is planned for April.

For more information, call Wilson at 273-9383.

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# Profile

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the Housing Needs Committee and other offices.

**Affiliations:** There is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Alta Bates Foundation and Vice President and Member of the Board at the Berkeley-based Women's Daytime Drop-in Center. She has served as a founding member and President of the Board at the Bay Area Crisis Nursery. She has received the Brother Hugh Kennedy award for outstanding service to St. Mary's College High School, as well as being a member of the Board of Parents Association of both St. Mary's and John Muir School.

**Family:** Thede and her husband (Jim) are actively raising their three sons, two of whom are attending college while the youngest is a junior at St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley. All three sons have demonstrated an interest in community affairs and the welfare of others that has made their parents proud.

**Outside interests:** Thede is actively involved in the community,

demonstrating her belief that we all share in the process of making things better. She loves to cook, and finds time in her busy schedule to try the cuisine of various cultures.

**Quotable quote:** "Home ownership is an achievable goal for many. I have worked with many buyers who thought they would never own their own home, but we eventually found a way. As I tell the agents in my office, patience and ethical persistence can—and do—make amazing things happen."

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| 5341 GOLDEN GATE, ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....\$695,000<br>Quality new const, 4000 sq ft, beautiful landscaped gardens. Pat Carlton      | 631 BOULEVARD WAY, OAKLAND - 3+BD/2BA.....\$299,000<br>New listing! Random plank floors, cathedral ceiling. Brooks Anderson              |
| 671 CARLSTON, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/3+BA.....\$615,000<br>Stunning architecture, rumpus, exquisite quality & detailing. Joan Daniel | 4612 REDWOOD RD., LEONA PARK VILLAS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$290,000<br>Brand new townhouse villa, beautiful courtyard entry. Charlene Claybaugh |
| 5358 HARBORD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$404,000<br>Gorgeous living & dining rooms, family room off kitchen. Nancy Chew          | 255 CAPRICORN, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$289,500<br>Bright, renovated inside & out, lg deck, garden patio. Wendy Gardner                 |
| 2 SELKIRK, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$322,500<br>Gorgeous English, corner lot, privacy, park-like yard. Dee Knowland            | 3626 LAKESHORE, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/1+BA.....\$285,000<br>Grand trad, new kitchen, formal DR, large yard. Charlene Claybaugh         |
| 8481 SKYLINE BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$369,000<br>SF/GG views, beautifully updated contemporary, decks. Kirk Phillips          | 5727 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$249,000<br>New listing! Unique design, private setting, great cond. Ann Nichols             |
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| 5081 PARKRIDGE DR., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA.....\$329,000<br>Charming 2-story Cape Cod, fam rm, level corner lot. Vicki Woodhead  | 5340 BROADWAY TERR. #509, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/2BA.....\$219,000<br>Fabulous north bay view condo, walk to shops & trans. Joan Daniel         |
| 6382 VALLEY VIEW ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$329,000<br>New listing! Great cond, wonderful valley view, family room. Joan Hause  | 73 IRONWOOD, OAKLAND HILLS - 2+BD/2BA.....\$210,000<br>SF view! Updated, all level and unit townhouse, fam room. Robyn Mohr              |

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| SELLER WILL FINANCE - ROCKRIDGE.....\$379,950<br>All level, impeccably maintained. 4BD/2BA, updated kit/baths, family room, huge deck, possible lease option. Charlene Claybaugh | LAUREL BROWN SHINGLE.....\$219,000<br>Bright 4+BD/2BA home with room to spare. Lots of orig. charm, high ceilings, freshly painted, nice back yard. Martha Holstow           |
| NEW CONTEMPORARY - BERKELEY.....\$329,000<br>Light & bright with canyon views from deck. Dramatic living room w/vaulted ceiling. 3BD/3BA, kitchen/family room. Tom Anthony       | BEST LAUREL LOCATION.....\$209,000<br>Just reduced! Great floor plan, 2BD/1BA, large formal DR, hwdw floors, new front landscaping, fenced back yard. Thomas Wurst           |

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| UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$130,000<br>Expansive view from bay to Oakland Hills. Cleared downslope. Plans/survey/permit. Dee and Joe Knowland     | CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$49,000<br>Priced to sell! Geo. survey, grading reports. Plans for 2,800 sq. ft. home. Charlene Claybaugh                     |
| MONTCLAIR.....\$99,000<br>Level lot in charming area of fine homes near Montclair Village. Helen Danhaki                                    | CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....\$39,000<br>Gentle upslope, approx 3400 sq. ft. Motivated! Bring offer! Seller may carry. Charlene Claybaugh                   |

# Two distinct styles at Albany art sh

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of its second art exhibition at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery through mid-April.

The reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Foyer Gallery.

Featuring visual creations by two Albany artists, Luis Garcia and Greg Jalbert, the show highlights colorful designs presented in two distinctly different types of style and media.

Luis Garcia, who works on canvas using needlepoint with a continental or basketweave stitch, feels "fortunate to be able to combine 'art' and 'craft,' utilizing a limited amount of space, time, and materials, to create tactile and spontaneous compositions depicting an abstract geometric with the simplest of tools, a needle."

Greg Jalbert, whose rhythmically patterned artwork of watercolor and ink is influenced by his background in jazz and classical music, sees the creation of a pic-

ture as "inventing a forms that can exist often avoids focusing idea, and tries "to create can be interpreted in dependent ways."

Applications for exhibiting to be considered exhibits are available at Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Ave.

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| 19 Hillcrest Court.....3BR, 3BA.....\$380,000<br>1st open! Dramatic entry with atrium, large library, tennis and pool facilities. Carol      | 6925 Balsam Way.....2+BR, 3.5BA.....\$329,000<br>First open, charming brown shingle contemp. Separate entrance for au-pair. Mar                         |
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| 3534 Wilson Avenue.....2BR, 2BA.....\$189,000<br>Smashing shingled starter on quiet cul-de-sac. Eat-in kitchen, FDR, gardens! An             | 3545 Redding.....2+BR, 2BA.....\$179,000<br>First open! Laurel bungalow oozes charm. Country kit, great yard and deck. Mar                              |
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# Realtor-cum-writer puts his architectural know-how to work

Dennis Evasosky

Mark Wilson is a Realtor with the Telegraph Avenue office of the Mason-McDuffie in Berkeley. He handles sales of residential and income properties, as well as business opportunities.

With his background in teaching and writing, Wilson brings much more to his job than the skills necessary to close a real estate deal.

A graduate of UC-Berkeley with a degree in history, Wilson taught Skyline High School in Oakland for 10 years. While at Skyline, he taught several courses on architecture.

In 1975, he began teaching his courses, "Architecture of the South and Eastern Europe" and "Architecture of the East Bay" at the Community College in Berkeley and at the various adult learning schools in the Bay Area.

Wilson holds a lifetime teaching credential in Fine and Applied Arts from the California Community College system.

In 1979, he published his first book, *East Bay Heritage: A Portrait of Living History*. The book, a treasury of architectural walking tours, is a wonderful introduction to the history of East Bay architecture.

In 1981, Wilson received a master's degree in architecture from the State Hayward. He has lectured at the Commonwealth Club, the Heritage Association from Berkeley to Hayward.

Architectural firms, real estate companies, and individuals con-

tinue to tap Wilson's knowledge of architecture.

He worked as survey coordinator for the Berkeley Architectural Heritage City Survey Office. He was a consultant and archivist for John Carl Warnecke & Associates in San Francisco where he organized a system for cataloging more than 70 years of the firm's architectural records.

Working as a freelance writer, Wilson's articles have appeared in *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Jose Mercury-News*, the *Sacramento Bee*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. He writes on subjects as diverse as food, travel, and, of course, architecture.

His second book, *A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay*, was published in 1987. Frequently, his career as a Realtor is tied to the subjects in his books.

"In 1989, I got the listing for and sold the original part of Thornburg Village," said Wilson. "This was exciting for me because Thornburg Village, located on Spruce Street in Berkeley, is on a walking tour in my book."

Thornburg Village is named for its original owner Colonel Jack Thornburg. The village was designed by the architect William Yelland. Thornburg and Yelland were both in France during World War I.

Thornburg was a fighter pilot in the Lafayette Escadrille, a squadron of 180 American volunteers who flew for the French Flying Corps.



In 1989, Mark Wilson listed and sold this home on Spruce Street in Berkeley, part of the historic Thornburg Village.

Yelland was a student at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Yelland studied the French medieval design in Paris. Thornburg had seen the same design while flying in Normandy. Using this design, Yelland built Thornburg Vil-

lage for the French Flying Corps veteran.

"The apartments are a whimsical design in the Hansel and Gretel style," says Wilson. "The crazy exaggerated gables, and humorously carved gargoyles on beam

ends mask a meticulous craftsmanship that give these structures an authentic, if somewhat Disneyesque character.

"Yelland's work can be seen elsewhere in the East Bay. The architect designed the Montclair Fire

Station on Moraga Avenue in Oakland and the old Tupper & Reed music store on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley." Wilson hopes that his work will continue to raise the awareness of the priceless architecture in the East Bay.

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Not everyone has the time or ability for a do-it-yourself (DIY) project. But if you're one of the hardy few who are contemplating getting your hands dirty, you have a wealth of information resources available to you in the Bay Area.

Even if you only want to learn more about construction to better monitor your contractor's work, you might find the following list to be helpful:

1) In the East Bay, my favorite information resource is The Builders' Booksource (1817 - 4th St., Berkeley). They have an extensive selection of DIY books for home remodelers. You'll find books on everything from building stairs to designing and planting your garden. They also carry building codes and useful con-

tract forms.

Another architectural bookstore you might want to check out is William Stout Books (804 Montgomery, San Francisco). Although they don't carry as many DIY books, they do have an incredible number of books on residential design. You'll find lots of decorating ideas here, especially if you want to see the latest in European trends.

2) A little-known source of inexpensive remodeling information is the U.S. Government Bookstore (450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco). They have books and pamphlets on a wide variety of topics; everything from how to weatherstrip your house, to building a house using timber pole construction. Make sure to look at a catalog also, because not everything they have is on display.

3) Looking at magazine pictures is a great way to get design ideas. One of the best places to pick up a stack of home improve-



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ment magazines is DeLauer's Newsstand (1310 Broadway, Oakland). They probably have one of the largest selections in the Bay Area.

If you're remodeling with a partner, looking at pictures together can be invaluable. Get lots of magazines, cut out pictures of spaces you both like, and make a scrapbook of design ideas!

4) A fun place to look at tools and home appliances is Whole Earth Access (Ashby & 7th, Ber-

keley). In a light and airy warehouse building, they have a large number of products on display, good prices, and a respectable selection of books on construction, as well.

5) If you want to learn about residential construction in a hands-on class, contact the Building Education Center in Berkeley (525-7610), and ask for one of their course catalogs.

They offer a wide range of courses in construction. You can learn about everything from concrete finishing to electrical wiring. They also teach a course in "Being Your Own General Contractor."

6) The City of Berkeley has a series of free pamphlets that describe simple construction projects, such as installing a woodburning stove, wood decks, and adding a garage. They are available at the Building Department (2180 Milvia, Berkeley). Happy remodeling!

*Richard Morrison, AIA, is a Bay Area architect specializing in residential remodelings and additions. He teaches remodeling classes at the Palo Alto Adult School. You can call him at (415) 321-3729.*

## People

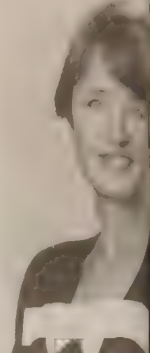
### Hats off to Jerilynn Babington

Jerilynn Babington has been named to the prestigious Coldwell Banker International President's Elite for 1994, which represents the top less than 1 percent of the 54,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates nationwide. Babington has also been recognized as the number one producer in the Coldwell Banker Orinda office (formerly Fox & Carskadon), according to manager I. Bruce Maxon.

Specializing in high-end properties, Babington began her real estate career more than 30 years ago, building custom homes and consulting on residential construction and interior design projects in Southern California. She sold properties in Beverly Hills, Bel Air and Santa Barbara, dealing with celebrities and wealthy, well-known people.

A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Babington attended both the UC-Berkeley and UC-Los Angeles, and is currently a resident of Piedmont.

In addition to her title as top sales associate of the Orinda office, Babington has earned the President's Silver Award for her performance in 1993 with Fox & Carskadon which represented 10 percent of all Fox sales. Based on Babington's sales volume, she was a member of the Plaza Power Players which ranked her top 1 percent of Realtors in the area. Her ability to succeed before marketing has been a large part of her success as a top producer.



Jerilynn Babington

## Realty World makes \$22,000 donation

Realty World of Northern California and Northern Nevada and its affiliates have announced that they have donated over \$22,000 to United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) in the past year.

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"Realty World has a longstanding commitment to do things that benefit our local communities," said Joy B. LeForce, Executive Vice President.

The company has sponsored events that include "Child Find," which is a fingerprinting program for children, essay and coloring contests to obtain savings bonds, and distribution of American flags

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## Buyers bide their time

Bay Area home sales tumbled for the fourth month in a row as buyers decided to wait and see what would happen to prices and interest rates, a real estate information service reported.

A total of 3,937 new and resale houses and condos were sold in the nine-county Bay Area in January.

That was down 33.4 percent from 5,911 in December and down 14.4 percent from 4,767 for January a year ago, Dataquick Information Systems reported.

The year-over-year monthly decline was the fourth in a row. December-to-January decline annual for the season.

Mid-winter sales trends are usually atypical, and we generation tread too much into January and February numbers. But

the sales decline has been going on since last fall and probably won't turn around until April. Prices still appear to be holding steady," said Donald L. Cohn, Dataquick CEO.

Dataquick monitors all real estate purchasing and financing in California and other states, and provides information to consumers, lending institutions, title companies and industry analysts.

The median price paid for a Bay Area home was \$210,000 in January. That was down 4.1 percent from December's \$219,000 and unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Market mix and other buying patterns are different in January than they are in December, and a decline in median sales price is normal, Dataquick reported.

## Saturday clinic for sickly plants

The University of California Botanical Garden hosts a Free Plant Disease Clinic on the first Monday of each month.

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## On Our Minds

### Cooperation is the name of the game

A song of praise this week for an agent who represented the buyers in a transaction in which we represented the seller. I loved working with her. When there were problems and she needed to leave lengthy messages on my answering machine, she always told me the solution that she was proposing first, and then the problem.

I never had to wade through the dirty details without knowing that there was a happy ending. Many other agents would have only posed the problem. Enid had usually figured out how to solve it before she ever called me.

Cooperation is the name of the game, at least in my book. You know, I think that it's true that "what goes around does come around." Until I became a real estate agent and began The Hendrickson Company with Dennis in 1980, I thought I was an island doing my best by insisting that other people do things my way.

It was only when I began to work with other professionals in the real estate world that I discov-

ered that cooperation was far more effective than throwing my weight around. I saw the light — not quite a spiritual experience, but exciting enough to make me change my ways. I really enjoy my work these days, but especially so when I work with someone like Enid.

Other thoughts: As soon as you think that you have agreed to something, get it in writing. Recently we were involved in an escrow where our client, the seller, agreed that the buyer would draft a document for her and a third party to sign.

While the meeting that produced the agreement was amicable and the sense of the document was agreed to by all parties, the actual wording became an obstacle to closing the escrow. Thoughts and feelings are great motivators, but until they are written on paper, agreed to, and signed, they have no practical effect.

Insisting that they be put in writing doesn't mean that you don't trust the other party or that you don't like them. It simply clarifies that everyone understood



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the same thing.

I love showing property to buyers because I want more than just a description of how many bedrooms and baths in a particular setting to lead my buyers to just the right home. There are always trade-offs, and almost no home provides all of the requirements that buyers list. I can come to understand which amenities are most important by watching them react to each property shown.

After I have shown buyers property for a while, I find that many people like to continue to educate themselves by visiting Sunday open homes. Take your friends or spouse and a list of likely homes provided by your agent.

While most Realtors you'll encounter on your visits are cheerfully respectful of your relationship with your agent, it is best to announce up front who you are working with. Be a card-carrying

client. Offer your agent's card to the agent hosting the open house. Then feel free to look around and ask questions. The agent holding the home open is there to facilitate the sale even if it isn't their listing.

You should get the same answers about the home as you would if you had no agent. Be careful to have your agent check important details with the listing agent later. The person holding the home open, if it's not the listing agent, may have only a cursory knowledge of the home.

Sellers, take note! If you are planning to sell your home this spring, now is the time to plant those "real estate" flowers. Primroses in different colors will last the season and look good even without a lot of sun. This is also the time to call your Realtor to plan for painting, sanding floors, cleaning, and all the other sprucing up that usually takes twice as long to do as you thought it would.

Barbara and Dennis Hendrickson are partners in The Hendrickson Company. Send questions to Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call them at 540-6000; fax: 548-6865.



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move-up owner. (Buyers are encouraged to ask about Western Centaur's trade-in program.)

"Crown Pointe is ideal for families," he says. "Nearby schools rate tops in the county. The homes are outstanding, the neighborhood comfortable and the community offers a sense of privacy."

Standard features of the homes include leaded glass and oak entry doors, vaulted ceilings, hand-set ceramic tile and marble entries, multi-paned windows, solid-oak stair railings, and wood-burning fireplaces.

Gourmet kitchens feature custom wood cabinetry, island cooktops, and hardwood floors. Designer touches can be seen in the recessed lighting throughout with specialty track lighting and dimmers.

Crown Pointe is within walking distance of Broadway Plaza, restaurants, boutiques and cultural offerings at the Regional Center for the Arts. And commuters have easy access to Interstate 680 and Highway 24.

To visit Crown Pointe from Interstate 680, exit at South Main Street, turn left at Lilac Avenue, left on Arbutus Drive and right on Twin Peaks Drive.

The display homes are open Saturdays and Sundays, 11-5 and evenings by appointment. For more information, call 933-8798.

## Project

### Cupboard, stool lend rustic look

By Don and Dave Runyan

The charming look and feel of country pine furniture has made it a favorite in both rural and urban homes. For do-it-yourselfers who wish to add to the rustic appearance of their kitchens or dining rooms, this easy cupboard and step stool project is a good place to start.

Both of the pieces are built from pine in standard lumber-yard sizes, although a high-quality grade should be used for superior results. Other materials include a small length of decorative molding, nails and glue and hinges, a knob, and a latch for the door.

This project is uncomplicated, and a good one for amateurs. Two of the cupboards can be built quickly to fill two empty corners.

The cupboard requires only nine different cuts and 14 pieces in all, and the stool calls for five different cuts and eight pieces in all. Most of the cuts are straight cuts, and all curved cuts are traced from full-size patterns. Assembly is a simple matter of gluing and nailing the pieces together.

The completed cupboard measures 72 inches tall by 20 inches wide by 12 inches deep. The step stool measures 40 inches tall by 11 inches wide by 16 inches deep.

The Kitchen Cupboard and Step Stool plan, No. 703, is \$6.50 and includes step-by-step instructions with 15 photos, full-size traceable patterns, exploded assembly dia-



Corner cabinet and stool are hewn from pine.

grams, and a shopping list and cutting schedule. Patterns for the optional wheat motif are also included.

A collection of two other corner cabinet plans and two china cabinet plans, No. C26, is \$12.50.

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**LEILA GOUGH**

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The great number of available investment options can be confusing, even intimidating to the

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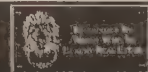
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- 6089 MAZUELA DR.**, Dramatic New Construction, Pano Views 4/3 1/2 The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400 **\$765,000**
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- 671 CARLSTON**, Crocker Highlands 4 1/2+, Rumpus, Detail, Quality Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460 **\$615,000**
- 5958 BUENA VISTA**, Rockridge New 5bd/3 1/2ba, Great Bay View! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, John Nielsen 869-4256 **\$569,000**
- 6114 OCEAN VIEW**, Rockridge 5bd/3+ba, 4000+ sf, Pool, Spa Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, D. Kelley 339-6511 **\$569,000**
- 1971 HOOVER AVE.**, Just Listed! Spacious/Unique 5/5, Over 1/3 ac The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400 **\$549,000**
- 10008 BROADWAY TER.**, Fab New Montclair 3400 sf, Pano View Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS 035939 **\$549,000**
- 140 FLORENCE**, Up Rockridge 4/3 1/2, New, 1st Open! Better Homes, Carol Caroe 339-8400 **\$529,000**
- 7070 WESTMOORLAND**, Spacious 3 1/2, 2 Lots, Berkeley Border Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Michelle Vasey 482-4484 **\$525,000**
- 44 STARK KNOLL PL.**, Up Rckrdge, 4/3 Updtd, Level Gdn w/spa The GRUBB Company, Sherri Wilson Oakley 339-0400 **\$499,000**
- 5944 MILES AVE.**, Stunning Rockridge 4/2 Contemp.! on Creek Templeton Company 652-2133 **\$495,000**
- 9377 SKYLINE BLVD.**, 3 1/2, 3 yr old Spacious Contemp., Frpl Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174 **\$489,500**
- 14 YANKEE HILL**, Breathtaking views, Exquisite Style, 3/3 The GRUBB Company, Anian Petit Tunney 339-0400 **\$489,500**
- 6638 LONGWALK**, 4bd/3 1/2ba, New Constr., Reduced \$60K!! Wells & Bennett, Frank Henneler 654-6461 MLS 032428 **\$489,000**
- 12 STAR VIEW**, Hiller 3/3 Twnhse, Atrium, Skylite, View Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$459,000**
- 6401 BROOKSIDE**, Upper Rockridge 3/3, English Country Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Jon Dunn 869-4215 **\$439,000**
- 6329 RIDGEMONT DR.**, 4/3 w/Pano Views, Cul-de-sac, Pool/Spa Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7030 MLS 033434 **\$439,000**
- 5359 HARBORD**, Up Rockridge 3bd/2ba, Fam Room off Kitchen Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460 **\$404,000**
- 6848 AITKEN DR.**, Charming 3 1/2 Pied Pines, Atrium, Art Studio Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174 **\$399,500**
- 834 MANDANA**, Crocker, Renovated 3+1/2+, Just Listed Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 **\$399,000**
- 19 HILLCREST CT.**, 3/3, Entry w/Atrium, Lg Library, Pool Facilities Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 **\$398,000**
- 4340 TURNER**, Chabot Park Hlds, 3bd/3ba, Must See! Mason-McDuffie, Roy Pruitt 834-2010 **\$395,900**
- 6085 COLTON**, Montclair 3+bd/2ba w/Gorgeous SF View!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Crandall 869-4214 **\$389,000**
- 2 SELKIRK**, Redwood Hts, 3/2+, Corner Lot, Pvcy, Parklike Yd Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 **\$382,500**
- 3481 SKYLINE BL.**, Mtclair 3/2 w/SF/GG Views, Updtd Contemp Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 **\$369,000**
- 10701 SNOWDOWN AVE.**, Oakland Hills 4/3, Pano View, Privacy Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 **\$369,000**
- 3042 HOLYROOD DR.**, Elegant Piedmont Pines Trd'l, 2+bd/1 1/2ba The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400 **\$367,000**
- 5040 GOLDEN GATE**, 3/3 Upper Rockridge, Bay View, Rumpus Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinkley 482-4088 **\$359,000**
- 1105 HOLLYWOOD AVE.**, 1st Open! Home + Income Unit, Views! The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400 **\$350,000**
- 19 BINNACLE HILL**, Hiller Highlands 2/2 Twnhse w/Loft, Upgrades Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$349,500**
- 4676 REDWOOD RD.**, Leona Park Villa Fab 3 1/2 Spanish Med. Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 **\$349,000**
- 11 CHATSWORTH CT.**, Piedmont Pines 4bd/3ba, Perfect Condition! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Elisabeth Belle 287-9099 **\$329,000**
- 39 HEMLOCK LANE**, Montclair 3+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, John Sefton 486-1495 **\$345,000**
- 4938 STONERIDGE CT.**, 3 Bedroom Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5305 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 **\$345,000**
- 6957 PINEHAVEN**, Montclair 3b/3b Contemp w/Possible In-Law Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dave Johnson 273-9808 **\$345,000**
- 1873 BRENTWOOD RD.**, Oakmore 3/2 w/Grt Fam Rm, Move In!! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 853-5182 **\$340,000**
- 42 CHATSWORTH CT.**, Montclair 3/2 Home in Forest, SF View Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 **\$329,000**
- 6925 BALSAM WAY**, Charming 2+3/2 Brown Shingle, AuPair Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400 **\$329,000**
- 6382 VALLEY VIEW RD.**, Montclair 3+bd/2ba New Listing!! Fam Rm Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460 **\$329,000**
- 5081 PARKRIDGE DR.**, Charming 2 Story 3/2 Cape Cod, Corner Lot Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460 **\$329,000**
- 6024 BROADWAY**, Rockridge Tudor, 3/2 or 2/1 + Apt., Charming! Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 036432 **\$327,000**
- 6819 CHAMBERS DR.**, Montclair Darling 3 1/2, Just Listed, Lg Rms Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Hayden 547-4579 **\$324,000**
- 7506 SKYLINE BLVD.**, Montclair Lg 3bd/2b Updated, Frpl, Decks Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$319,000**
- 827 MANDANA**, Sunny, Renovated 3/2 Trd'l, OMC 2nd Wells & Bennett, Dick Cohen 339-1117 MLS 035513 **\$310,000**
- 12675 BROOKPARK RD.**, 3bd/2ba All Level, Move In!! Family Rm Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460 **\$309,000**
- 631 BOULEVARD WAY**, New Listing 3+bd/2ba, Cathedral Ceiling Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 4309 COOLIDGE AVE.**, 3/2 1/2 Updated, Lincoln Hts, SF Views, Patio Coldwell Banker, Jack Breneman 339-1174 **\$299,000**
- 6638 BANNING DR.**, Montclair 4bd/2+ba Contemporary The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 1218 TRESTLE GLEN**, Crocker 3bd Trd'l, Move Right In! The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 5809 BROADWAY**, Rockridge 3 1/2 Spac Trd'l, Upgrades, Gardens Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankan 339-1174 **\$299,000**

- 2415 BURLINGTON**, Spacious 3/3 Med on Cul-de-sac, Home Ofc Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197 MLS **\$298,800**
- 5989 HOWELL ST.**, Rckrdge Remod 3/2+ Trd'l, Art Studio/Garage Lawton Associates 547-5970 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:30 **\$298,500**
- 5878-80 CHABOT RD.**, Pair of Flats, Rockridge, Off St Parking J. T. Ward 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$295,000**
- 3844 RANDOLPH AVE.**, Restored NeoClassic 4/2 1/2, Frml Dining Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-8400 **\$292,500**
- 6212 HILLEGASS**, Rckrdge 3/1+ Charming, Semi-Separate Studio College Avenue Realty, Steve 845-8008 **\$292,000**
- 4612 REDWOOD RD.**, Leona Park Villas 3/2+ New Townhouse Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460 **\$290,000**
- 255 CAPRICORN**, Montclair Renovated 3/2, Lg Deck, Garden Patio Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 **\$289,500**
- 13022 BROADWAY TER.**, Montclair 2+1, Super Garden, SF View Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millirons 869-4233 **\$289,000**
- 7851 SURREY LANE**, Sequoyah Hills 4bd/3ba, Mint Condition! Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 339-8400 **\$287,300**
- 3626 LAKESHORE**, Crocker Highlands 4 1/4 Grand Trd'l, Frml Din Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460 **\$285,000**
- 5046 PIERPOINT AVE.**, Charming, Oakmore 3/2, Cul-de-sac Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Patsy Buhler 287-5910 **\$279,500**
- 1042 UNDERHILLS RD.**, Crocker Highlands Trd'l 3bd/1b, Value! Better Homes, Steven Biasati 339-8400 **\$279,000**
- 6224 THORNHILL DR.**, Montclair 2 1/4 Hideaway, Trd'l, Creekside Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400 **\$279,000**
- 6585 GIRVIN**, Montclair 3 1/2 Stylish Contemporary, Grt Value/Area Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 **\$269,000**
- 6359 LONGCROFT**, PiedPines Contractors Special 3+1/2, 2600sf Better Homes 339-8400 **\$265,000**
- 2074 DRAKE**, Montclair 3bd/1 1/2ba, A-1 Condition! Xlnt Location Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Buchholz 466-5509 **\$264,950**
- 9503 STEARNS AVE.**, Golf Links 5/3 Huge New Bargain! Views Better Homes, Alex Bidgill 376-4998 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5 **\$259,500**
- 842-842A WALKER**, Grnd Lk 2 Units-2b, Frp Up/1b Dn, Reduced! Owner 834-8768 MLS OPEN SUNDAY 11:30-3:30 **\$255,500**
- 5150 SHAFTER AVE.**, Spacious Rockridge 3 1/2 home The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 **\$255,000**
- 4481 MONTGOMERY ST.**, Rckrdge 2 1/2 Twnhse, View, 2 Car Gar Century 21 Gateway 655-2700 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$250,000**
- 17 WHITTLE CT.**, 3+bd/2ba on cul-de-sac, 2 Frpl, Waterfall Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203 **\$250,000**
- 3826 BRIGHTON AVE.**, Glenview 2 1/2 Beauty! Fam Rm, Spacious! Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174 **\$250,000**
- 4241 GILBERT**, 2bd, Formal DR., + Legal Studio Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Deonora 482-0799 **\$249,000**
- 5727 BALBOA DR.**, Montclair 3/2 New Listing! Unique, Pvt Setting Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 **\$249,000**
- 3932 ARDLEY AVE.**, Glenview 2+bd/1b Trd'l, Charm! Home Ofc Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-8400 **\$249,000**
- 4207 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE.**, Leona Hts 3 1/4+, View, Rumpus, Deck Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460 **\$239,000**
- 6633 ARMOUR DR.**, Sleek Montclair 2+bd Contemp, Canyon Views The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400 **\$239,000**
- 5856 CHABOT CT.**, Darling 2 1/4 Cottage, Rockridge, Sunny Garden J. T. Ward 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$235,000**
- 131 SAMARIA LN.**, Redwood Hills 2 1/2 Twnhse, Bay Views! Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 **\$235,000**
- 67 HERITAGE**, 3bd/2+ba Just Listed Rare Twnhse, Fam Room Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Bob Randall 869-4242 **\$232,500**
- 3334 GUIDO**, Vacant 3+1/2, Well Maintained, Nr School/Trans Mason-McDuffie, Shirley Covington 287-2532 **\$232,500**
- 740 MANDANA BLVD.**, Crocker Highlands 3 1/2 w/Charm! Frml Din Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 835-6080 **\$229,500**
- 1136 EVERETT**, Lg 2+1, Sunroom, Deck, Full Basement, Nr Shops Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860 MLS 035748 **\$229,500**
- 4671 DAVENPORT**, Redwood Hts 2+bd/2ba w/3 Bridge View Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239 **\$229,000**
- 2532 CASTELLO ST.**, 4bd/4ba, In-Law Qtrs, Easy Commute Great American Rl, Karen 351-4684 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:30 **\$227,000**
- 6501 DANA**, Rockridge 2+bd/1ba, Mint! Art Studio/Fm Rm, Skylites Red Oak Realty 527-3877 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$225,000**
- 3727 VICTOR AVE.**, Charming Redwood Hts Spanish Med. 2/2, Vu Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 035446 **\$224,500**
- 3428 KINGSLAND**, Maxwell Pk 2+bd/2+ba Winters Realty 530-8860, David Alexander 716-6585 SUNDAY 12-4 **\$222,950**
- 4336 PARK**, Glenview 3bd/2ba, Charming, Nice Yd, Grt Location Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202 **\$219,000**
- 5340 BROADWAY TER #509**, Rockridge 2/2 Fab Bay View Condo Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460 **\$219,000**
- 3948-3956 CANON AVE.**, Glenview New 2bd, Creek/Frpl/Hdws OPEN SAT 2-4 AND SUN 2-4:30 436-5755 **\$219,000**
- 31 MISSION HILLS**, Sequoyah Hts, Roomy 2 1/2, Quiet, Private Mason-McDuffie 339-8787, M. Wong 869-4252 **\$212,000**
- 73 IRONWOOD**, Oakland Hills Updated 2+1/2, Lvl End Unit Twnhse Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 **\$210,000**
- 3758 SILVERWOOD**, Laurel 3+bd/1ba, Charm! Better Homes, M. J. McConville 287-9583 **\$209,500**
- 574 JEAN ST.**, Spacious 3bd/1ba Bungalow, Rosegarden Area Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamante 339-1174 **\$199,500**
- 1132 BELLA VISTA**, Brooklyn Dist. 2 Story 3+1/2 Brown Shingle Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$199,500**
- 4173 LINCOLN**, 2+1/2 Level, Bay View, Quiet, Pvt Malenk Properties, Marianne Malenk 522-7780 OPEN SAT/SUN 2-4 **\$199,000**
- 4000 FRUITVALE**, 3+bd/3ba Upper Dimond, Could be Gem! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203 **\$198,000**
- 3132 CARLSEN**, Lincoln Hts Updtd 2+bd/1+ba, 1/4 Acre, Bay View Mason-McDuffie 339-8787, M. Wright 869-4253 **\$197,700**
- 770 WALKER**, 2bd, Walk to Grand/Lakeshore Shopping Winters Real Estate, Mark Goode 523-8625 OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 **\$197,000**
- 6481 BENVENUE #1**, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Sagie 486-1495 **\$194,000**
- 3534 WILSON AVE.**, Smashing 2/2 Shingled Starter!! Cul-de-sac Better Homes, Anida Weyl 339-8400 **\$189,000**
- 2851 MORCOM**, Maxwell Park 5+bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Moran 869-4236 **\$187,000**
- 3871 MAGEE**, 2bd/1ba Great Buy, Laurel District, Must See, Ready! Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 482-1790 **\$187,000**
- 3835 WHITTLE AVE.**, Dimond 2bd/1ba, Sweet Starter Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Marlene Daniels 763-5807 **\$185,000**
- 3545 REDDING**, Laurel 2+bd/2ba Bungalow, Charm! Grt Yd/Deck Better Homes, Maria/Randa 339-8400 **\$179,000**
- 2027 SAN MATEO**, Reduced! Cozy 2bd w/Bridge View, Fireplace Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 MLS 035901 **\$175,000**
- 3107 ARIZONA**, Sunny, Small, Super! Laurel 2+1, Many Upgrades Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Leslie Gordon 658-4280 **\$175,000**
- 383 STATEN #301**, 2+1/2, Top Flr in 3 Unit Bldg., Gourmet Kitchn Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 **\$170,000**
- 2836 RAWSON**, Maxwell Pk 3bd, Updtd Kitchen/Bath, Pvt Yard Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 036459 **\$169,000**
- 585 62ND ST.**, Oakland 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495 **\$169,000**

- 2461 RAVENWOOD**, Cute 3bd/1ba, Desirable Area!! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203 **\$169,000**
- 2833 MODESTO**, Sunny, Charming 1bd, Frml Dining, Nice Yd Wells & Bennett, Sandi Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 035238 **\$169,000**
- 4633 WALNUT**, Maxwell Park 2/1 Grt Starter, Expansion Poss! Mason-McDuffie, Susan Casqueiro 834-2010 **\$169,000**
- 546 62ND ST.**, Oakland 2 bedrooms, 1 bath Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 **\$169,000**
- 2169 VICKSBURG**, Maxwell Pk 2+bd/1ba Spl Lvl, Large Yd Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 **\$169,000**
- 2851 55TH AVE.**, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba Move In Today! Reduced! Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239 **\$169,000**
- 3320 KANSAS ST.**, Laurel Starter, 2/1 w/Hdwd Flrs, Fenced Yd Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$169,000**
- 3745 LINWOOD AVE.**, 2/1 Updated Glenview, Quaint, Exc Location! Better Homes, Harriet Schaner 339-8400 **\$169,000**
- 245 MONTECITO #108**, 2/2 Condo, Frpl, Sec.Pkg., Pool, Reduced! Agent 601-0116 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:30 **\$169,000**
- 401 MONTE VISTA #306**, Sunny, Quiet 1bd Condo, Top Floor Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 839-5846 MLS 031839 **\$169,000**

## ALAMEDA Open Sunday

- 221 INVERNESS CT.**, Harbor Bay 3bd/2ba, Grt Floor Plan, Spa Mason-McDuffie, Cecelia Shinn 428-0900 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**
- 730 HARBOR RD.**, 3bd/2ba, 1 Level, Detached End Model Gallagher & Lindsey, Patricia Schantin-Kendall 547-1378 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**

## BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 166 HILLCREST RD.**, Claremont Br Shingle, Gracious 4/3, Views The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 **\$169,000**
- 2937 RUSSELL ST.**, The Claremont 4+3, Patio Gdn, Au Pair Qn J. T. Ward Miriam Wilson 845-6021 **\$169,000**
- 1416 GRANT**, Home + Income! Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 **\$169,000**
- 15 ALVARADO RD.**, Ideal Live/Work 5+bd/2ba, New Price! J. T. Ward 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$169,000**
- 1915 FRANCISCO**, Berkeley 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 **\$169,000**
- 60 QUAIL AVE.**, Berkeley Hills 2 1/2, Woodsy Lg Lot, Bay View Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 **\$169,000**
- 1080 KEELER AVE.**, 2 1/2, Lovely Hills Home!! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 **\$169,000**

- 1336 NEILSON**, 3bd/2ba Sunny Spl Lvl, In-Law Possible Mason-McDuffie, Henriette Green 834-2010 **\$169,000**

- 1481 BLAKE**, Berkeley Home + Income Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 **\$169,000**

- 2149 SACRAMENTO ST.**, 2bd Storybook Hm, Walk University Sh Winters Real Estate, Tracy Valentine 644-2260 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**

- 1301 LA LOMA AVE.**, Former RE Ofc, 3800 sf Lot, Priced to Sell Equity Property Mgmt 295-1827 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$169,000**

## EL CERRITO Open Sunday

- 8042 TERRACE DRIVE**, El Cerrito 3bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495 OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4:30 **\$169,000**
- 404 VILLAGE DR.**, 2bd/1b, Garden, Bay/Tam View, Walk Bart Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 339-8400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**
- 745 ALBEMARLE ST.**, Charming 2/1, Well Built, Move In! Dbl Gar Owner 283-6343, 295-3060 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 **\$169,000**
- 7271 FAIRMONT AVENUE**, El Cerrito 2 bedrooms, 1 bath Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**
- 1725 LIBERTY #3**, El Cerrito 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**

## EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday

- 5402 VALLEY VIEW**, El Sobrante 3bd/3 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Karen Danich 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**

## LAFAYETTE Open Sunday

- 981 HAWTHORNE DR.**, Cape Cod Charm, 2bd/1ba, Nr Trails The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,000**

## PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 43 FARRAGUT**, 5 1/4 Arch Designed! Level In, Garden/Patios Better Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400 **\$169,000**
- 340 LASALLE AVE.**, New Listing, Elegant 5+bd, Priced to Sell The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400 **\$169,000**

- 256 LA SALLE AVE.**, 4+bd/3ba Just Listed, Rumpus, Library Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Lois Hayden 273-9582 **\$169,000**

- 104 DUDLEY AVE.**, 4/3 1/2, Sweeping Views + Space! Gardens! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, R. Ousterman 452-6173 **\$169,000**

- 25 TYSON CIRCLE**, Just Listed, New, Elegant and Formal Living The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 **\$169,000**

- 45 ST. JAMES PL.**, 4bd/3ba, Gorgeous! Great Value, Reduced! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Rosalie Marshall 655-6165 **\$169,000**

- 100 HAZEL LN.**, Charming Modern 3 1/2, Gorgeous Landscaping Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 **\$169,000**

- 172 ESTATES DR.**, 3bd/2+ba One Level on Lg Lot, Frpl, Pool Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174 **\$169,000**

- 77 LA SALLE AVE.**, Cape Cod, Lg Rms, Sep. Studio for Home Ofc Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174 **\$169,000**

- 130 ALTA AVE.**, Value! 3+bd/2+ba, Magnificent Canyon Vistas The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400 **\$169,000**

- 74 SANDRINGHAM RD.**, 3bd/2ba Partial Bay View, Lvl Out to Gdn The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 **\$169,000**

- 123 WILDWOOD**, 3/2 Trd'l, Nice Deck/Patio/Yard Area! Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 **\$169,000**

- 77 MANOR DR.**, Lovely 3+bd/2ba, Nice Yd, Updated Kitchen Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$169,000**

- 1067 RANLEIGH WAY**, Updated 3/2 Trd'l, Frml Din, Walk School The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400 **\$169,000**

## RICHMOND Open Sunday

- 21 QUAIL HILL LN.**, Immaculate 3 1/2 Condo, 2 Car Garage Mason-McDuffie, Shirley Covington 287-2532



# Go easy on watering drought-tolerant verbena

**Q:** In 1993, I planted a lemon verbena and it seemed to do very well. It grew and looked great. At the end of 1993, I pruned it a little and the next spring, it never came back to looking as well as it was the year before. It has a few branches covered with new leaves; it's not growing and it just doesn't look healthy. Was pruning it the wrong thing to do? Or is it in a bad location — it's in the morning and midday sun.



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seems that I may be over-watering them. Should you let them droop before watering, or should they stay moist? I have this one in a three-gallon container.

**A:** Over-ripe tomatoes will split after they are picked but they are still edible. Pick tomatoes after they have turned color and feel firm to the touch.

If they are planted in three-gallon containers I would not let them droop in between watering. As the plant grows and the days get longer and warmer, the water need increases because the container has less soil space and more roots.

From May through October, water them every day without fail; it is very difficult and nearly impossible to over-water any container planting.

## During the summer months, I recommend watering once every 10 days.

**Q:** Can you tell me anything about Meyer Z-52 zoysia grass? I have a flyer from Zoysia Farm Nurseries in Maryland. It claims that zoysia is "the grass perfected by the U.S. Government," released in cooperation with the U.S. Golf Association as a superior grass. It is: "drought proof, heat proof, chokes out crabgrass, wear resistant, grows in terrible soils, thrives in part-shade to full sun." Sounds too good to be true; is it?

**A:** Zoysia is a wiry, mat type, warm season grass that goes dormant (it turns brown) in the winter.

In many parts of the country, zoysia is one of the few turf grasses that can tolerate the hot summers and cold winters. Zoysia has an aggressive growth habit, so it is very hard to keep it contained in small areas. Zoysia hybrids are being developed for northern California.

For our area, I recommend the soft-bladed bluegrass, ryegrass and fescue varieties instead of zoysia.

**Q:** I have an apricot tree that was loaded with fruit, but the fruit cracked on the tree and was rotten. The nursery told me to spray when blossoms opened. I do not want to spray a poisonous substance on what I will eventually eat. Have you a natural solution that is harmless?

**A:** There are three reasons why the apricots split: 1) irregular watering, 2) the wrong variety for the area, or 3) irregular weather patterns.

The rotting of the fruit is the result of a fungus disease called brown rot. It occurs during cool and wet springs, like we had last May. The only organic control for fungus diseases is sulfur.

However, apricots are susceptible to sulfur burn, so I would recommend using Daconil instead. There should be no contamination of the fruit if you carefully follow the directions on the label of Daconil.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

## Events

Glendale Federal Bank presents a free **Home Buying Workshop**, Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - noon at the Bank, 2420 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. Co-sponsored by Harbor Bay Realty and North American Title, the workshop will address such issues as financial readiness to buy; how much home you can afford; how much downpayment you need; and finding a good real estate agent. Reservations required. Call Ingrid Jonsson at 521-3855.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Workshop** is Sunday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 1249 Marin, Albany. Learn the basics about low downpayment programs, income required to get a loan, loan programs, closing costs, and community assistance programs. Reservations required. Call Karen Ward, The Mortgage Line, 718-2134.

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Home Savings of America sponsors a seminar for Realtors entitled **Unlimited Selling Power**, Tues., March 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Berkeley Marina Marriott. Speaker will be Hilton Johnson who will present five basic language techniques to boost selling power. Reservations required. Call Lorraine Dahl at 465-3400.

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Truitt & White Lumber Co. offers a free seminar on **Engineered Wood Products**, Sat., March 18, 10 a.m. - noon. Seminars to be held at Truitt & White's conference room across the street from the main store at 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call 649-2674.

**Le Tip International**, an organization of independent business people devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Steve Scott at 528-0767.

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## A New American The in Luxury Travel



By David Fetherston

These new models are focused at two different buying groups. The New Yorker is a six-passenger sedan aimed at the older Cadillac/Lincoln buyer, while the LHS is a sporty five passenger sedan aimed at the younger Lexus, Infiniti, Acura buyer who wants more space with good handling and nippy performance. However, the new model has distinct advantage over them all: Its \$29,000 list price.

To the eye, you immediately notice the physical size of the vehicle. At 207 inches long, it runs with the Lincoln Town Car and the Cadillac Sedan De Ville and the Buick Park Avenue. What is nice about the design work is that it doesn't have any "whale" features like the Buick or the Chevy Caprice. Rather, its lines are form fitting and graciously correct.

Basically what the design team did to get the new look for the LHS and the New Yorker was to re-roof and re-trunk the new LH sedans. The new roofline allowed the design team to move the rear seats back three inches and open out the rear doors, along with providing an improvement in head height space of about six inches.

The effect was the same as adding six inches into the wheelbase, which is vastly more complex and expensive method of achieving the same improvement. The cars also received new front sheet metal and grille treatments.

From a driver's point of view these new Chryslers remind me of the Seven Series BMWs or Cadillac Seattles. From the corporate design theme to their luxury feel and handling edge, these new Chryslers offer the same sense of purpose that comes with a car like a big BMW. Interestingly it lacks

the heavy, hard "beamer," a point that is in favor.

The platform underpinnings are all carried over from the LHS series including the independent suspension, front cab-forward design, on the same LH platform, seven inches longer, 3.5 liter, V6 and transmission directly from the LHS. Features four-valve, twin carburetors and dual-phase tuned intake which produces a broad band. The engine is an electronic engine and management systems which between the engine, transmission and final drive. The car marches right along, dashing off a respectable mph time of just on nine.

On the freeway the LHS is king of the road as it is like a comfortable lounge. In the past this impression have been applied to mass of full-sized sedans ever, when those sedans the two-lane with its turns, they became "legged" behemoth.

Not so with either the softer-riding New Yorker as one can carve a path. A BMW, Jaguar, or Lexus Chryslers can be put to fear, once your real edge of the envelope is wide.

The tighter handling is one of its selling points, some tuning to tighten the design team voided arm bushings in the pension which separates the fore and aft actions, one rate vertical yet lowering the harsh noise rates.

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Very few car dealerships in California, or the entire country, have sales managers who are women. The automobile business has traditionally been male-dominated, and while that is still true, it is slowly changing. In fact, Connell Nissan and Cochran & Celli Isuzu in Oakland has had a female sales manager since late June '94.

Charlyne Jordan came to the Connell/Cochran & Celli Group already an experienced sales manager having managed another Nissan dealership for several years. She is a great believer in Nissan products and now Isuzu as well. Charlyne, a native of South Carolina, speaks in a soft voice

with a slight southern accent. She seems quite unlike any picture you might have of a woman in such an aggressive business.

Charlyne says she loves her profession, and enjoys direct contact with most of the customers and a good relationship with her currently all-male sales staff.

Charlyne describes herself as being a happily married, mother of three. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, Patrick Durkan, two daughters in college and a five-year-old son in kindergarten. And, if that isn't enough, she says, "We're expecting another son around the end of March!"

Working for Connell and

Cochran & Celli has been a pleasure for Charlyne. The owners of the dealerships have a basic philosophy of teamwork. They allow her to run the Nissan and Isuzu stores in a manner that works. She answers the 800 telephone calls herself almost all the time. Often mistaken for the receptionist, she says many of her customers come in after calling because she is a woman and gives direct answers to their questions. Customers who have bought other cars and are familiar with the car business are always surprised to see a woman in charge. The salesmen are often asked what it's like to work for a woman. It's evident by

watching the interaction Charlyne has with the people who work with her, that she's easy to get along with. She seems to hire salespeople who care to assist customers in a polite, knowledgeable manner much like her own.

"Obviously," Charlyne says of her group, "we're all from very different cultural backgrounds, but share many of the same ideas. And fortunately, among us, several languages are spoken as well."

"For many years," Charlyne explains, "I was a marketing trust officer for a bank on the East coast, and for about six years I owned my own business doing my own

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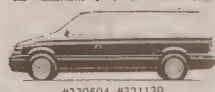
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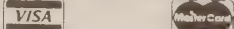
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\*Prepayment Required  
MasterCard and Visa Accepted



## Deadlines, Policies, Cancellations

Ads Beginning	Tuesday/Thursday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Monday
Service Ads	Friday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Thursday
Legal Ads	Friday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Friday
Holiday (3 day weekends)	Friday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Wednesday

**Policies**  
We make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Please check your ad the first day it appears. If an error is noticed, call (510) 339-8777 immediately to inform us and to make the correction. We are not responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, or for errors that do not affect the value of the ad. Liability is limited to the cost of space occupied by the error. We cannot promise the order in which ads appear under one heading.

**Cancellations**  
Please retain the number you are given at the time you place your cancellation order. No adjustments will be made without a cancellation number. REFUNDS, CREDITS AND ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR REMAINING FULL WEEKS ONLY.

## RATES (510) 339-8777

For the following rate your ad will be published in The Montclair and The Alameda Journal on Tuesday and Friday; The Piedmont on Tuesday; The Berkeley Voice & The Journal on Thursday for a total circulation of over 163,000.

Words	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	ea. addit'l.
1-15	\$29.50	\$56.05	\$82.60	\$109.15	\$26.55
16-20	\$35.80	\$68.65	\$101.50	\$134.35	\$32.85
21-25	\$42.10	\$81.25	\$120.40	\$159.55	\$39.15
26-30	\$48.40	\$93.85	\$139.30	\$184.75	\$45.45
31-35	\$54.70	\$106.45	\$158.20	\$209.95	\$51.75
36-40	\$61.00	\$119.05	\$177.10	\$235.15	\$58.05
ea. addit'l. 5 words	\$ 6.30	\$ 12.60	\$ 18.90	\$ 25.20	\$ 6.30

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Make checks payable to: The Hills Newspapers, Inc. Fax (510) 339-6101

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Classification Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Start date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of weeks ad is to run \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed ☐ Pymt enclosed ☐ Charge to my ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Copy (no abbreviations) \_\_\_\_\_

## Transportation

### 101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1993 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you.

CHEVROLET Monte Carlo 1977, 2 door, runs good, needs paint, \$450. 526-2025.

NISSAN Sentra, 1985, silver, 5-speed, 2 door, 97K, one owner, all records. \$2000 531-0449; 530-2734.

TOYOTA Cressida, 1984, 4 door, loaded, original owner, 120K+, runs great, no dents. \$3650. 339-3700.

### 105 Recreation Vehicles

PALOMINO tent trailer, propane stove, icebox, cupboards, table. Sleeps 4. Good condition. \$700. offer 482-9085.

## Announcements

### 201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office.

CELESTINE PROPHECY Experiential Workbook. 13 week study group beginning February 28, space is limited. Call Paula 339-3379 for more information.

### 203 Found

To encourage our readers to advertise Found items, The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

CAT, medium sized, gray, female. "Molly" last seen Skyline Gate/Regional Park entrance. Reward: \$31-7224.

GERMAN shepherd, black/tan. Young, good nature. MacArthur/95th Ave. Call before 11 a.m. 261-1642.

TAN and white Cocker Spaniel, male, near the Claremont Hotel. 644-1618.

### 204 Giveaway

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Giveaway ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

LOVABLE neutered 5 year old male, long-haired cat and 2 rabbits with cages. Moving. 482-3252.

FREE seasoned kindling. Ready to take any time in front of 105 Maxwell Rd., Piedmont.

RHODESIAN Ridgeback mix, excellent watch dog, very affectionate, a real tin-tin-tin, needs loving home. 527-6377.

CATS: male, 16 lbs, Tuxedo; female 11 lbs, white. Singing, social, healthy, indoor/outdoor. 482-0248.

DOG: Shih-Tzu, female, 7 years old, very friendly. 763-3129.

RED Doble mix, young, medium size, completely house broken. KIL date, February 23, 1995. 656-7773.

### 205 Lost

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

LOST Patagonian parrot, shades of green, orange belly, loud screech. If seen or heard. 652-9545.

SOLID gray male cat, 1" square hair missing between shoulders, Albany, January 27, 528-8320, 548-8440.

ROSELLA, parrot green back, red breast, rainbow wings. Glenview/Piedmont January 31. Please call 482-0689.

CAT, male, 1 year, white, short hair, not neutered. El Cerrito, February 3. Beverly 526-4189.

KEEPSAKE gold pinle ring, bracelet, watch and chain, silver ring, Albany. No questions asked. 526-2813.

CHIHUAHUA tan/white chess Female 1 year old Elmwood area of Berkeley. Reward! 848-6175.

### 207 Research Studies

BOYS ages 9-12, black, white, or black-white. Paid behavioral study. Parents' consent. 800-805-6669.

WE PAY FOR YOUR OPINIONS  
Local market research company looking for adults and children interested in giving their opinions on new products, taste tests, social issues, advertising campaigns, etc. Call 510-521-6900 for more information.

## Education

### 302 Childrens Schools & Camps

**CIRCLE PRESCHOOL**  
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 5 years. 547-6447.

**SMILES DAY SCHOOL**  
Pre-school program 2.5-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7-30. 630. 339-3830.

### 303 Instruction & Tutoring

**A LEARNING PLACE**  
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley. 531-2500.

CERTIFIED Teacher-tutor, multi-sensory instruction. Reading, writing, spelling, math. References. Nancy, Berkeley. 524-7064.

CARTOONING, WATERCOLOR, CARICATURE lessons. Incentive to reach a professional level of skill! Small classes, personal attention, quick learning. 526-3845.

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered instructor. 620-8291.

**MATH PATHWAYS**  
All levels. Experienced credential teacher provides remedial review and focuses on increasing self-confidence, motivation. Oakland/Montclair. 763-3918.

CHINESE: Mandarin: conversational/writing/reading/cultural/singing; native Chinese, world class teacher (MBA English). 834-8249.

### 304 Musical Instruction

DRUM Lessons, all ages and levels, with patient Berkeley College of Music Professor. Alan (510) 339-6716.

PIANO Lessons, jazz, blues, classical, more. Experienced, Patient. All ages. First lesson free. Ariel, 865-3943.

## 304 Musical Instruction

GUITAR or bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. (Seniors special rate.) Gene, 531-5625 message.

VOCAL Coaching-Pop, R&B, Jazz, Show Tunes. Guitar, piano lessons. B.A. Music Rich Keltman. 524-6797.

PLAY jazz piano now! Study classical, discover gospel and Latin, compose your own pieces. 20 years experience, kids to seniors, all levels. Having fun brings big results. Why wait? 652-3383.

BEGINNING guitar lessons by education specialist and children's recording artist. Donna. 510-763-0848.

## Employment

### 401 Help Wanted

**A CONDO RESIDENT CARETAKER**  
Experienced Maintenance/Repair skills a must. Beautiful Luxury Condominium/Rockridge Area. Resume to: Box H, 6208 LaSalle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611.

**Administrative/Office Assistant**  
Small, kinder, gentler coffee firm seeks organized person with strong math, computer skills to do order entry, A/R, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Type 65 wpm, 10-key, good phone personality, WP 5.1, spreadsheet, Excellent salary and benefits. Non-smoking. Fax resume and salary history to: (510) 428-4004.

**ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant to executive director**  
East Bay non-profit professional association. Arranges and records board meetings, drafts correspondence, type reports, maintain files. Must be self-directed, flexible, WordPerfect 5.1 DOS and have excellent communicating and writing skills. Health and retirement benefits. Resume and letter of interest to: EERI, 499 14th St., Ste. 320, Oakland, CA 94612. EOE. Salary depending on experience.

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Hair salon, part-time, experience preferred. Alexander Pope, Rockridge area. Ask for Terri 601-5220.

**RECEPTIONIST/SALES**  
Building products showroom. Good customer service, computer skills. College degree. Retail and/or design experience helpful. Fax resume: Berkeley Design Center. 510-652-6067.

**RECEPTIONIST**  
for busy veterinary office, must also be available for evenings/weekends. Computer experience preferred. Apply in person. 3793 Broadway, Oakland.

**RECEPTIONIST**  
full-time. Heavy phones, typing, front desk appearance. \$7 hour. Send resume to: P.O. Box 24073, Oakland, 94623.

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## Home Health Care Offered

**ABLE CARE INC.**  
Quality 24-hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the home. For the elderly, care includes bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and transportation. For the handicapped, care includes personal care, companionship, and transportation. Call 510-685-4704.

For elderly 24-hour supervision, nursing, and board with assistance. Reasonable rates. Call 510-685-4704.

## Financial

### Businesses For Sale

**EST. 1971** Unlucky, ideal location. 5467 College Blvd., Oakland. \$24,750. Agent Aft 510-503-1000. (510)935-8486.

**EST. 1971** Caring Business Oakland. Good Profit. 100% owner. Business has been closed last 2 years. 510-533-6418. Leave message.

### Business Opportunities & Services

**IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?**  
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require marketing management and a unique product position.

Interested in selling all or part of your business. Please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Avenida, Oakland, CA 94611.

### SELL THE INTERNET

\$50,000+ per year plus residual. Guerrilla Marketing and Marketing. Call Global Internet, Inc. 510-566-9777. Monday-Friday, 10-2 p.m.

## For Sale

### Antiques & Art

**EST. 1971** Antique jewelry collection, 14k gold with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, various items. 510-284-7848.

### Appliances

**EST. 1971** Washers and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Available and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Free delivery. 548-4419 anytime.

**EST. 1971** Heavy Duty Large Capacity washing machine. White. Use new, warranty. \$250! best offer. 568-7573.

### Garage & Estate Sales

### GARAGE SALE ADS?

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### Home Furnishings

**EST. 1971** ANNUAL SPECIAL  
For more custom mini-blinds this year and clean them of free charge next year. Call 510-569-7540 for details.

**EST. 1971** Sets. Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$129. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Sofa, \$299. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-away, \$199. \$299. \$399. \$499. \$599. \$699. \$799. \$899. \$999. \$1,099. \$1,199. \$1,299. \$1,399. \$1,499. \$1,599. \$1,699. \$1,799. \$1,899. \$1,999. \$2,099. \$2,199. \$2,299. \$2,399. \$2,499. \$2,599. \$2,699. \$2,799. \$2,899. \$2,999. \$3,099. \$3,199. \$3,299. \$3,399. \$3,499. \$3,599. \$3,699. \$3,799. \$3,899. \$3,999. \$4,099. \$4,199. \$4,299. \$4,399. \$4,499. \$4,599. \$4,699. \$4,799. \$4,899. \$4,999. \$5,099. \$5,199. \$5,299. \$5,399. \$5,499. \$5,599. \$5,699. \$5,799. \$5,899. \$5,999. \$6,099. \$6,199. \$6,299. \$6,399. \$6,499. \$6,599. \$6,699. \$6,799. \$6,899. \$6,999. \$7,099. \$7,199. \$7,299. \$7,399. \$7,499. \$7,599. \$7,699. \$7,799. \$7,899. \$7,999. \$8,099. \$8,199. \$8,299. \$8,399. \$8,499. \$8,599. \$8,699. \$8,799. \$8,899. \$8,999. \$9,099. \$9,199. \$9,299. \$9,399. \$9,499. \$9,599. \$9,699. \$9,799. \$9,899. \$9,999. \$10,099. \$10,199. \$10,299. \$10,399. \$10,499. \$10,599. \$10,699. \$10,799. \$10,899. 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\$685 TWO bedroom, near shops, buses. Completely refurbished. Stove, refrigerator, carpets, drapes, garden fourplex. Exceptionally nice for senior citizens. 510-530-1754.

\$695 296 LESTER. 2 bedroom. Fresh paint, new carpet, new window coverings. Quiet 8 unit building, laundry. Call 531-6969.

\$695 385 PALM. Large 2 bedroom, fresh paint, fresh wall-to-wall, dining area. Call 893-8336.

\$695 CLEAN, spacious 2 bedroom, Piedmont border. Breakfast area, laundry, parking. No pets. 654-5709, 658-6978.

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High on hill near Lake Merritt, garage available. CPS/ Select 444-0276, 482-0698.

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**2 BEDROOMS**

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2 BEDROOMS**

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\$750 NEAR Grand Lake Theater, quiet, convenient, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, parking, no pets. 532-3520.

\$750 NORTH Oakland 2 bedroom, 1 bath, like new, off-street parking. 5002 Webster St. 527-6811.

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## Public Notices

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
Venglati Teriyaki Chicken Plate, 2037 23rd Street, San Pablo, CA 94608

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Heng Phrasayasing, 2690 Shamrock Drive, San Pablo, CA 94606

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
All Custom Woodworks, 1150 Briones Rd., Martinez, CA 94553

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Marjorie Carlock, 324 "A" Ada Dr., Pacheco, CA 94553

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
Leisure Resources, 2912 Von Doolen Court, Pinole, CA 94664

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Jabith Kyele, 2912 Von Doolen Ct., Pinole, CA 94664

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 18, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
Fishops Graphics, 2560 Leslie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Connie Colleen O'Grady, 2560 Leslie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1994.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7877

The Name of the Business:  
Fishops Graphics, 2560 Leslie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Connie Colleen O'Grady, 2560 Leslie Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1994.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-109

The Name of the Business:  
Abacadabra, 28 Peter Ct., Pittsburg, CA 94565

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Bart Starr McGlothlin, 28 Peter Ct., Pittsburg, CA 94565

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 6, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
Norman & Gilbertson Sales Company, 200 Morris Ranch Road, Danville, CA 94526

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
James E. Norman II, 200 Morris Ranch Road, Danville, CA 94526

This business is conducted by a Co-Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-127

The Name of the Business:  
Keystone Computer Solutions, 3452 Chandler Cir., W. Pittsburg, CA 94565

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Chris Farnuch, 3452 Chandler Cir., W. Pittsburg, CA 94565

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0023

The Name of the Business:  
Dyngtech Engineering, 4 Aspinwall Court, Orinda, CA 94563

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Fan Yuan, 4 Aspinwall Court, Orinda, CA 94563

This business is conducted by an individual.

## Public Notices

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7886

The Name of the Business:  
Shawn Pueblo Tile, 2219 Bayberry Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Shawn Pueblo, 2219 Bayberry Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 29, 1994.  
The Journal February 2, 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-146

The Name of the Business:  
Mulkreans Enterprises, 2925 Monument Blvd #53, Concord, CA 94520

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Mulkreans Enterprises, 2925 Monument Blvd #53, Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 9, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-146

The Name of the Business:  
A.V. Landscapes, 26 Schupp Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94603

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Armando Garcia Vega, 315 E. San Fernando Street #22, San Jose, CA 95112  
Antonio Torres Vega, 26 Schupp Ct., El Sobrante, CA 94603

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-952

The Name of the Business:  
D.J.R. International, 3818 Victor Street, Pinole, CA 94664

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Delia Constance Reyna 3818 Victor Street, Pinole, CA 94664

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-196

The Name of the Business:  
Diablo Home Service, 3751 Deer Trail Drive, Danville, CA 94506

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Kenneth J. Klesowski, 3751 Deer Trail Drive, Danville, CA 94506  
Anna M. Kamedulski, 3751 Deer Trail Drive, Danville, CA 94506

This business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-196

The Name of the Business:  
U.S. International Trading Co., 1330 N. Broadway, Suite 212, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
William H. Polsey, 2557 Stone Valley Rd., Danville, CA 94526  
Bradley H. Smith, 4155 Kasli Ct., Concord, CA 94518

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-600

The Name of the Business:  
Information Network, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, P.O. Box 6051, Concord, CA 94524

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Margaret E. Wade, 214 Twinbridge Cr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94524

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-495

The Name of the Business:  
Any Road Press, 210 S. In Sight Productions, 190 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 204, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Saverio Schokley, 1136C Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-052

The Name of the Business:  
Quick Tax Service, 1542 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Bey Financial Management Inc., 1542 Kearney St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 4, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-183

The Name of the Business:  
Green Goods, 100 El Cerrito Plaza, Suite 340, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
David William Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708  
David William Connell, 212 Stanford Ave., Kensington, CA 94708

This business is conducted by individuals-Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 10, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-035

The Name of the Business:  
World-Fu Company, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Chiu-Hung Huang, 3767 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 3, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-590

The Name of the Business:  
T. Alexander & Company, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Thomas Lee Alexander, 2355 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-045

The Name of the Business:  
Studio D, 1375 Chaney Rd., P.O. Box 817, Alamo, CA 94507

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Donna Unili, 1375 Chaney Rd., Alamo, CA 94507  
Debra Martin, 94 El Molino Dr., Clayton, CA 94517

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 4, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0314

The Name of the Business:  
Diamond Beauty Supply and Salon, 206 San Pablo Towne Cir., San Pablo, CA 94606

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Hanh (Christina) T.T. Vu, 1808 Broadway, Apt. #1, San Pablo, CA 94606

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 95-6246

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Diamond Beauty Supply Hair Nail Salon, 206 San Pablo Towne Cir., San Pablo, CA 94606.

## Public Notices

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on October 26, 1990.

Chiou D. V., 112 Ash Ct., Hercules, CA 94547  
Ngoc Thi Luu, 112 Ash Ct., Hercules, CA 94547

This business was conducted by Individuals (husband and wife).  
Signed: Ngoc Thi Luu.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.  
Publication The Journal, February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0497

The Name of the Business:  
National Business Associates, 3930 Piedmont Ct., Concord, CA 94521-2630

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Gary Allen Shaw, 3930 Piedmont Ct., Concord, CA 94521

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0401

The Name of the Business:  
Networking Solutions, 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
John R. Nyström Jr., 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804  
Daria Nyström, 840 30th Street, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 19, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0284

The Name of the Business:  
Olive's Paradise, 2977 Ygnacio Valley Road #104, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Steven V. Merenkov, 569 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Theresa M. Merenkov, 569 Fireside Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-0324

The Name of the Business:  
L.U. Exports, 402-A Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94547

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Lester Urbina, 402-A Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94547  
Sandra Urbina, 402-A Olympus St., Hercules, CA 94547

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 13, 1995.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
T.S. No. 94-100631

Lot No. 0025288  
Control No. 225098

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/21/87 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SO AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On 3/3/95 at 10:00 A.M., LAW OFFICE OF STEVEN J. MELMET, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded 12/14/87 as Instrument No. 87-25878, in book page of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, State of California. Executed by: JAMES F. KEITH and LOUISE KEITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE.

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (or 90 days time if sale is lawful money of the United States) at AT THE MAIN STREET ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1668 N. MAIN STREET, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596, the following described property:

NOTE: CASHIER'S SALE. MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN J. MELMET) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County of Contra Costa described as: LOT 14, MAP OF SUBDIVISION 5362, FILED DECEMBER 19, 1979, MAP BOOK 234, PAGE 7, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RECORDS. APN #534-041-014.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is pursuant to be in said County of Contra Costa, 161 BARRETT AVE #11, RICHMOND, CA 94801

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown therein.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust and fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$99,096.15.

The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

Date: February 02, 1995.  
LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN J. MELMET, as Agent.  
CATHY COLE, Authorized Signature  
13132 Newport Avenue, Suite 208, Tustin, California 92680.  
Telephone: (714) 730-1743.  
The Journal February 9, 16, 23, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-457

The Name of the Business:  
CTS, 21 Computer Trade Wk Spectrists, 1745 Oakmead Drive, Ste. 100, Concord, CA 94520

Are hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Dondra Nickell, 1745 Oakmead Drive, Concord, CA 94520

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 23, 1995.  
The Journal February 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-313

The Name of the Business:  
DMAC, 1401 Walnut Street, #1D, Berkeley, CA 94709

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:  
Melvin Lemberger & Associates, Inc., California.  
Creative Resources Management, Inc., California.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 17, 1995.  
The Journal February 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-781

The Name of the Business:  
TAP Glass Service, 5614 Central Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Teresa Ann Phillips, 3208 Vanfleet Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1995.  
The Journal February 16, 23, March 2, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 95-80

The Name of the Business:  
Five Stars, 4419 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

Is hereby registered by the following Owner:  
Carlos Ovilio Menjivar, 4419 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804